

State of Missouri

Public Defender Commission



FISCAL YEAR 2001 ANNUAL REPORT

Assuring the Public Defense

The Right to Counsel and the State Public Defender System in Missouri

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Governor Holden
Chief Justice Limbaugh
Members of the General Assembly
Presiding Judges

FROM: J. Marty Robinson, Director and
Members of the State Public Defender Commission



DATE: September 18, 2001

RE: Fiscal Year 2001 Annual Report

It is with great pleasure we present to you this Annual Report of the Missouri State Public Defender System for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001.

Our ever-increasing caseload continues to be a concern of our Department. Total assigned cases were 76,786, up from 75,738 in FY00. Case dispositions were 73,438, an increase of 3,847 cases from the previous year. Our disposition rate of 96.5% is an improvement from the 91.9% of FY00, however, it too is a cause for concern. In the past two fiscal years the Missouri State Public Defender System has been assigned 152,524 cases, but has only been able to dispose of 143,029 cases. Over the past two fiscal years the State Public Defender System was assigned 9,495 more cases than it was able to close.

Missouri's Public Defenders continue to fall further behind because there are simply not enough public defenders. Recruiting and retaining public defenders is paramount to the efficient and effective administration of Missouri's criminal justice system.

Our Department continues to concentrate recruitment efforts at all Missouri law schools, as well as other law schools in the region. Nevertheless, the Missouri State Public Defender System is unable to hire attorneys for many public defender positions, particularly in rural areas of the state. Heavy workloads, low salaries and crushing student loan debt have greatly hampered our Department's ability to recruit and retain attorneys. Our problem is not unique.

In discussions with other departments of state government, including the Attorney General, Department of Social Services, and Department of Revenue, we have found that recruitment and retention of lawyers is not just a public defender problem. It is a State of Missouri problem.

While public sector salaries have never been equal that of the private sector, it appears the gap has widened considerably. The most recent economic survey of the Missouri Bar indicates salaries of newly admitted lawyers have increased significantly in the past few years. The average income of lawyers in full-time practice, age 30 and under, is now reported at \$60,217. In 2000, 15.3% of surveyed attorneys reported hiring newly admitted lawyers in the \$70,000 to \$80,000 range. On the other hand, newly admitted lawyers employed by virtually any department of state government can expect to earn in the lower \$30,000 range. It should come as no surprise that departments of state government cannot recruit and retain lawyers.

For fiscal year 2003 the State Public Defender Commission is requesting additional funds to address the crisis in the recruitment and retention of lawyers.

Most new assistant public defenders are recent law school graduates. Student loan debt of \$50,000 to \$100,000 is not uncommon. The State Public Defender Commission is requesting funds to begin a student loan reimbursement program. We are also requesting funds to improve attorney salaries generally for all assistant public defenders. It is our belief that a starting salary of \$40,000 is not unrealistic in today's market, and is absolutely necessary if we and other departments of state government are to compete in the employment marketplace.

The Missouri State Public Defender Commission and the Office of State Public Defender continue our efforts at securing adequate, efficient facilities for all public defender offices. As caseloads continue to decrease in metropolitan areas and increase in rural areas, the need to be flexible with statewide staffing and efficient use of statewide resources continues to be critical. The current statutory scheme for providing public defender office space (RSMo. 600.040.1) does not allow flexibility where needed. We once again propose and recommend a change to Chapter 600, allowing the Office of State Public Defender control of and budget for its own office space, rather than having office space a county obligation.

Fiscal year 2001 saw a continuation of the previous challenges facing Missouri's Public Defender System. The trends in our caseloads and having the lawyers to handle them are alarming. Within the limits of our funding and within our abilities we will continue to strive to make Missouri's system of criminal justice the envy of the nation. Our dedicated lawyers and support staff will continue their heroic efforts as the demands upon them increase.

Thank you for your continuing interest in and support of our department. We appreciate it and desperately need it.

Public Defender Commission

Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2001

I. The Public Defender System

In response to the guarantee of effective assistance of counsel contained in both the United States and Missouri constitutions, the Missouri State Public Defender System was established on April 1, 1982 as a "system for providing defense services to every jurisdiction within the state by means of a centrally administered organization having a full-time staff." Through this Department of State government, constitutionally required defense services are provided to eligible persons. This is accomplished through an organized program capable of responding to the needs of all judicial jurisdictions within the state in an efficient, cost-effective manner.

Until 1989 defense services in many parts of the state, usually rural areas, were provided by private attorneys who had contracted with Missouri's Public Defender System to provide such services to the indigent accused. In fiscal years 1990 and 1991, the Missouri State Public Defender System was reorganized and the contract system of providing services was eliminated. Contract counsel were replaced by State Public Defender District Offices.

Today, the Missouri State Public Defender is organized into three legal service divisions, which include the Trial, Appellate, and Capital Divisions. The Trial Division (a map detailing the trial district offices can be found at the end of this report) provides legal services at the trial level throughout the state and is subdivided into thirty-six district offices. The Appellate Division, which provides legal services for cases in the Appellate and Supreme Courts and with post-conviction matters in the trial courts, has offices in Kansas City, St. Louis, and Columbia. The Capital Division, which provides representation in cases at trial and on appeal when the death penalty is sought by the prosecution, has offices in Kansas City, St. Louis, and Columbia.

Every attorney in the Public Defender System handles cases representing Missouri's indigent accused of crimes. Management has been reduced to a minimum in order to maximize efficient use of the state's resources.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Missouri State Public Defender System is to provide high quality, zealous advocacy for indigent people who are accused of crime in the State of Missouri.

The lawyers, administrative staff, and support staff of the Public Defender System will ensure that this advocacy is not comprised.

To provide this uncompromised advocacy, the Missouri State Defender System will supply each client with a high-quality, competent, ardent defense team at every stage of the process in which public defenders are necessary.

II. What Does a Public Defender Do?

Every Missouri Public Defender is an attorney, licensed to practice law in the State of Missouri. When an individual is accused of a crime and requests a lawyer, a referral is made to the public defender office handling the cases in the county where the charge has originated. After an accused makes application for public defender services, the public defender makes a determination using financial guidelines established by the State Public Defender Commission as to whether or not the accused is indigent and eligible for public defender representation. If the accused is found eligible by the defender, the defender undertakes representation of the accused. If the defender does not find the accused eligible, the accused may appeal the defender's determination to the court. Only then, and only if the court disagrees with the defender's determination, may the court order the defender to represent the accused.

In most jurisdictions, the public defender is the legal counsel for 75-80% of the cases on the criminal docket. The process of representing the indigent accused includes representing the client in all facets of the case. Defenders must interview witnesses, file for discovery, prepare and file required motions, negotiate with the prosecution, prepare trial strategy and do the legal research necessary to provide representation to the client in a court of law. Representation of the accused extends to an appeal if, after the trial, the defendant is found guilty.

Using data from fiscal year 2001, a composite example of a "typical defender" can be developed. The "typical defender" will close 233 cases in the course of one year. This means the defender must dispose an average of one case each workday

to insure successful management of the cases assigned. Approximately 90 of the cases assigned to the "typical defender" in a year are felonies. The breakdown by category of cases handled by the "typical defender" is presented below.

FY2001 State Public Defender System-Wide Composite Public Defender	
Description	# of Cases
Homicide	1
A-B Felony	19
C-D Felony	71
Misdemeanor	70
Juvenile	14
Post Conviction Relief	2
Probation Violations	54
Appeals	2
Total Average Caseload Per System Attorney	233

Given the workload of our "typical defender," the demand on attorney time is greater than ever. The average Public Defender provides representation in 233 cases each year; more than one per day every workday of every week for the entire year. Providing effective assistance of counsel in each case demands a well-trained, highly experienced corps of dedicated attorneys and support staff.

Historically, recruitment and retention of attorneys have been a tremendous problem for the State Public Defender System. Increased funding for attorney salaries in Fiscal Years 1995 and 1996, temporarily improved retention, reducing attorney turnover from 20% per year to 7% per year. Public Defender salaries have not kept pace with those in the rest of the legal community. As a result of the relatively low salaries, high caseloads and heavy student loan debt, attorney turnover has again increased to 20.6% per year.

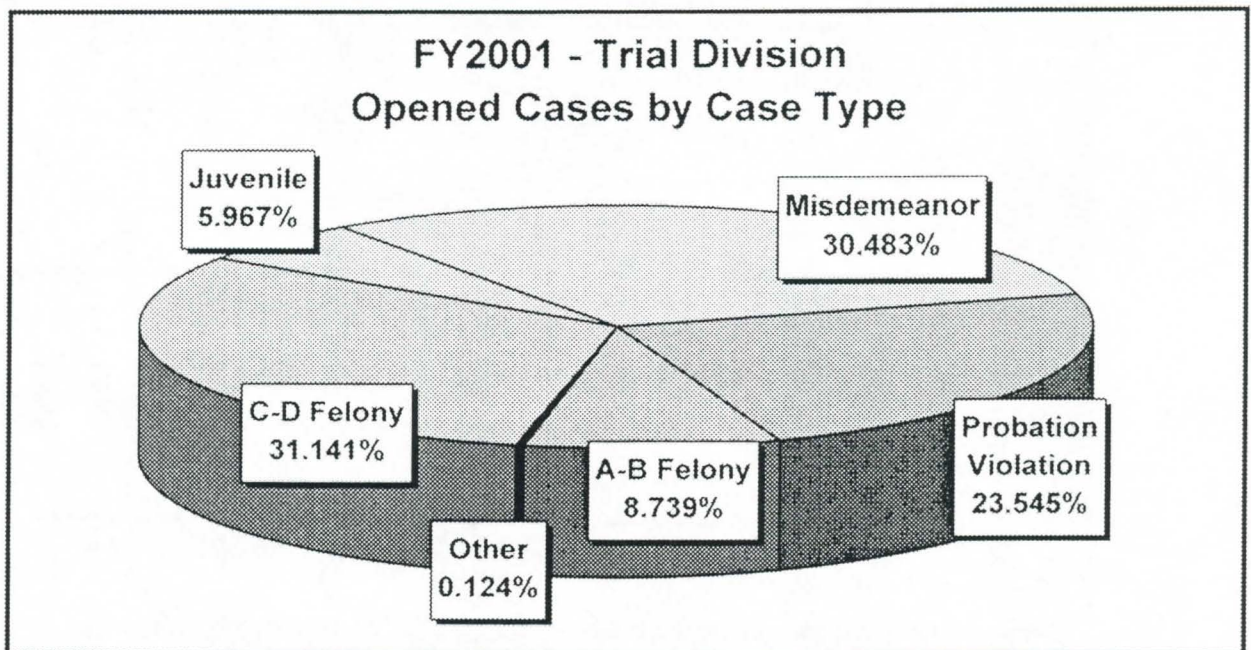
Caseload and Cost Highlights

A. Caseload

1. New Cases

The State Public Defender System's Trial Division opened 74,913 new cases in Fiscal Year 2001. The greatest number of cases are reflected in the felony and misdemeanor caseloads.

FY2001 Trial Division Opened Cases by Case Type		
	Description	# of Cases Represented
10	Murder - Death Penalty	2
15	Murder - 1 st Degree	146
20	Other Homicide	119
30	A-B Felony	6,280
35	C-D Felony	23,289
40	Misdemeanor	17,445
45	Misdemeanor - Traffic	5,391
50	Juvenile - Status	748
52	Juvenile - Criminal	3,722
54	Post Conviction Relief Rule 24 & Rule 29	3
60	Chapter 552	56
61	Sexual Predator Hearings & Trials	3
65	Probation Violation	17,638
75	Writ	21
80	Appeal	8
82	Direct Appeal	2
	Total Trial Division Assignments	74,913

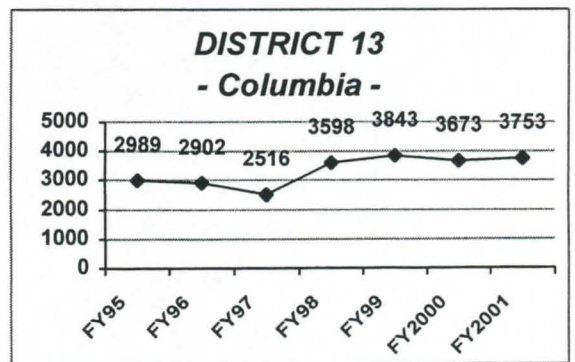
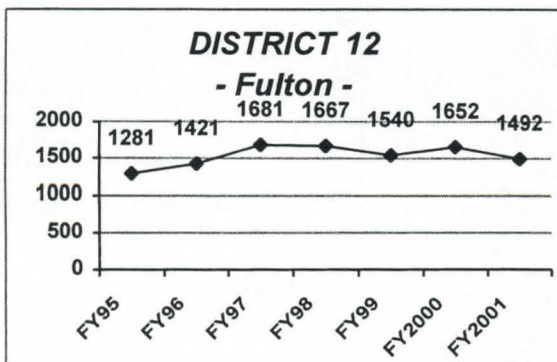
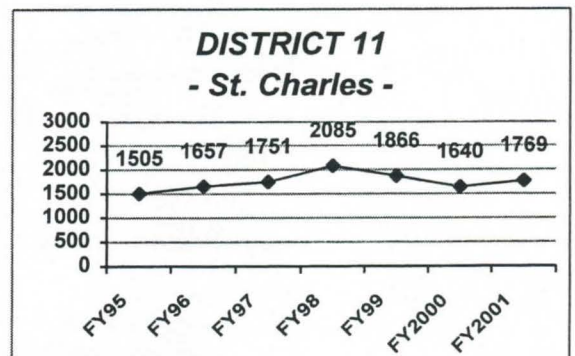
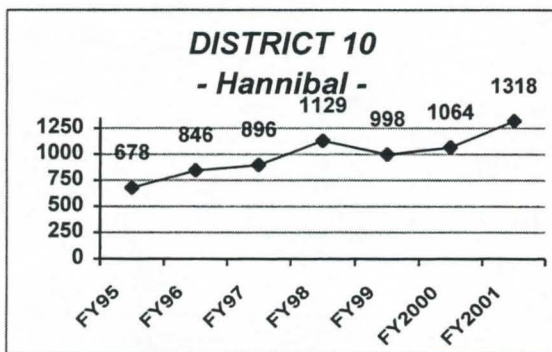
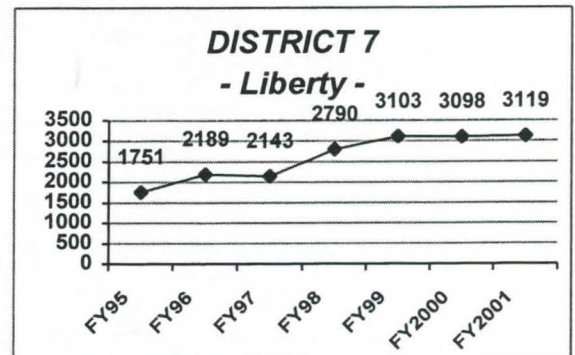
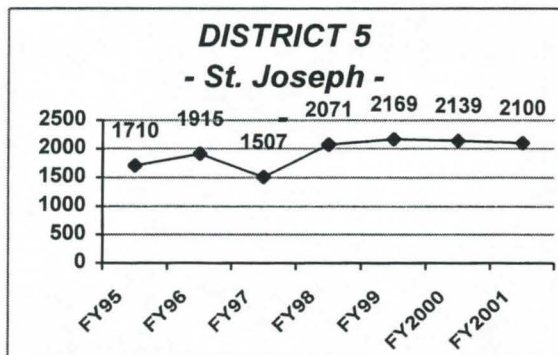
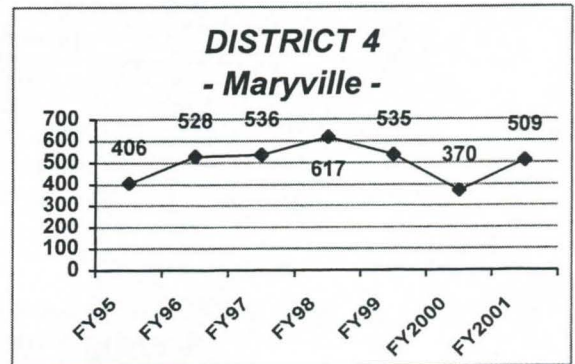
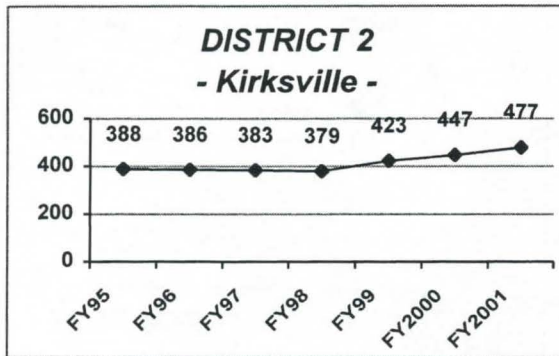


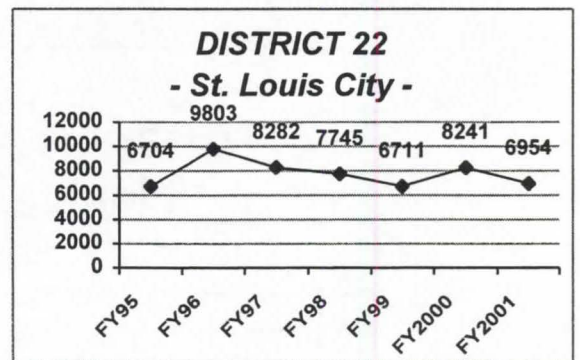
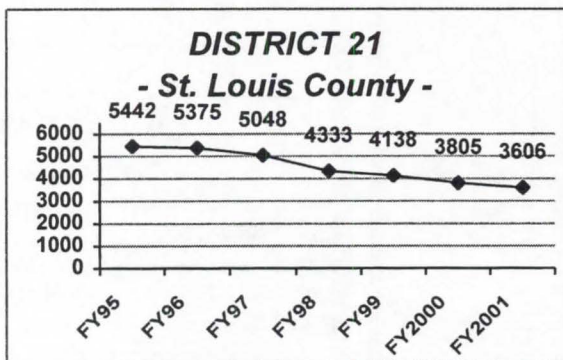
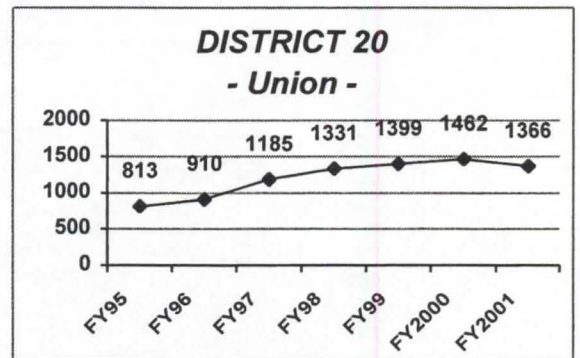
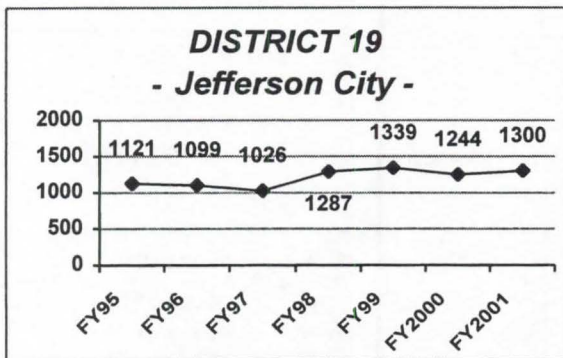
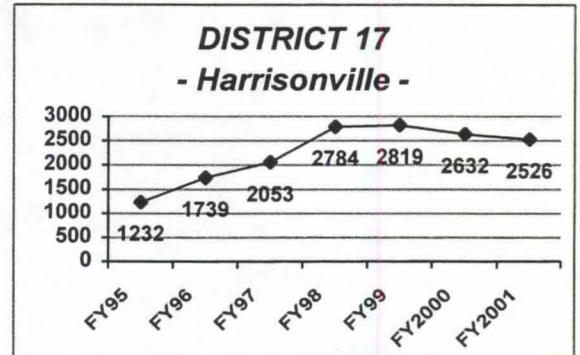
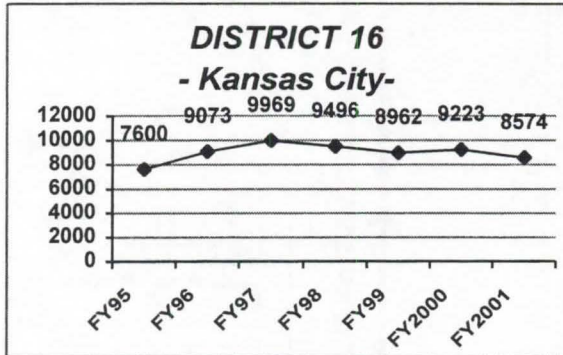
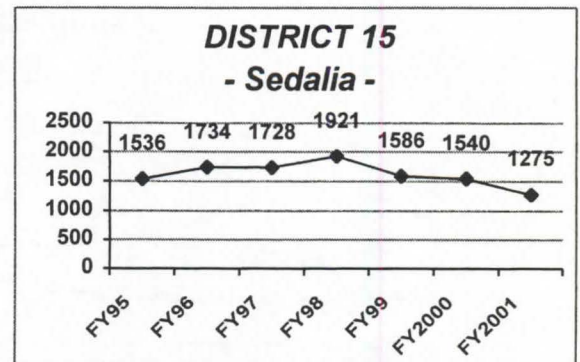
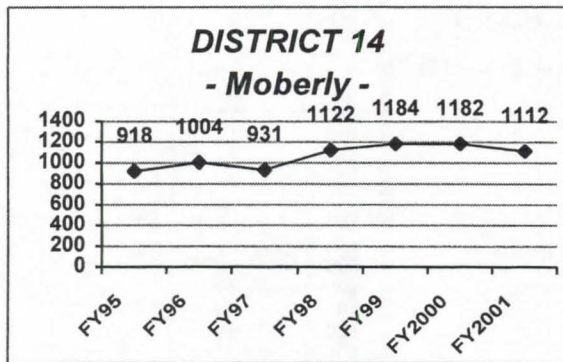
Felony Cases Opened	29,876 or 39.88% of the total caseload
Misdemeanor Cases Opened	22,836 or 30.48% of the total caseload
Probation Violation Cases Opened	17,638 or 23.54% of the total caseload
Juvenile Cases Opened	4,470 or 5.97% of the total caseload

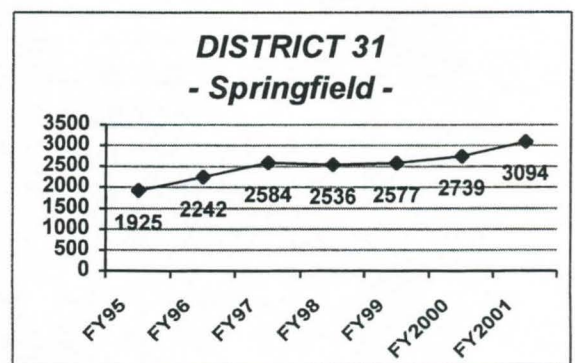
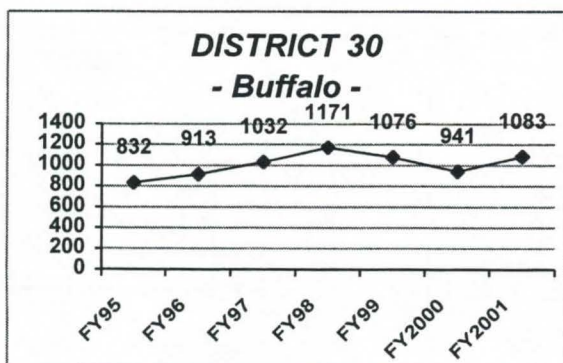
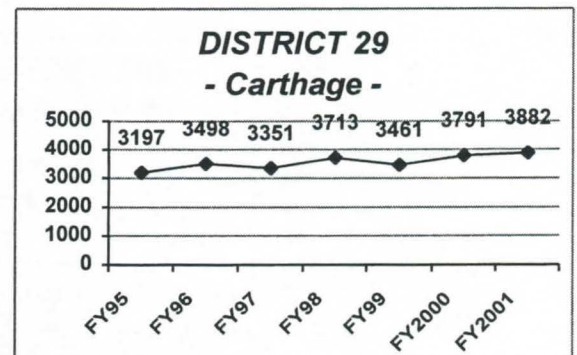
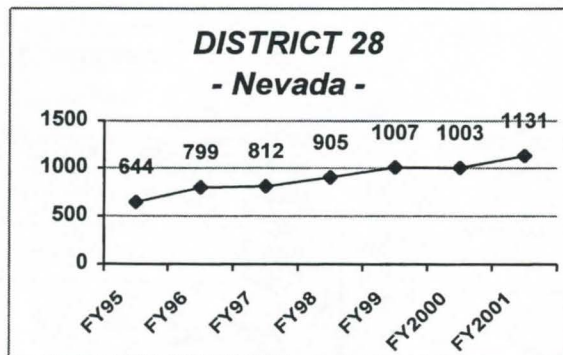
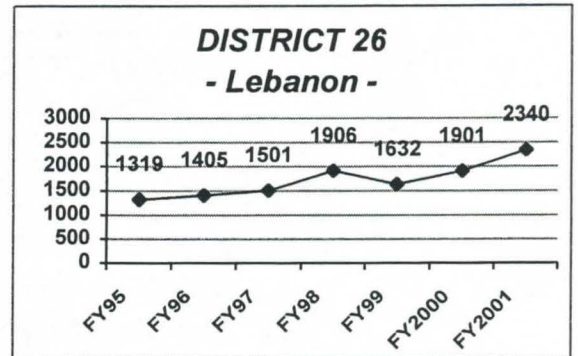
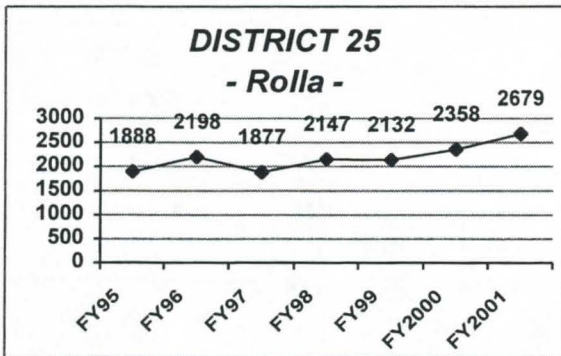
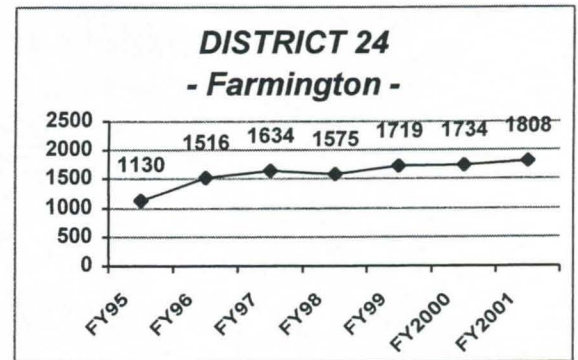
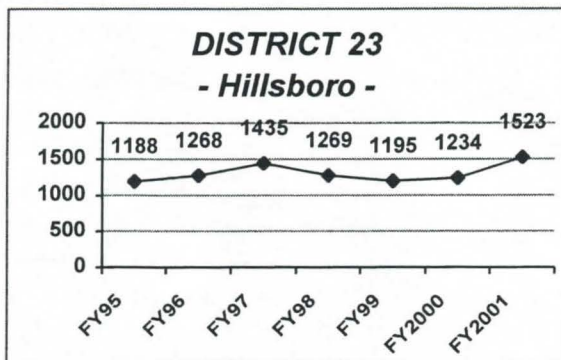
TRIAL DIVISION CASE ASSIGNMENTS
SIX FISCAL YEAR COMPARISONS -- FY96 to FY2001
BY DISTRICT

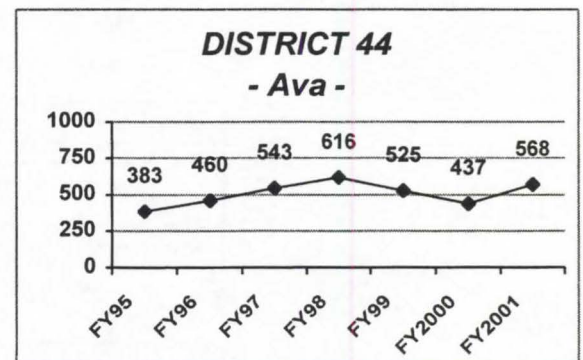
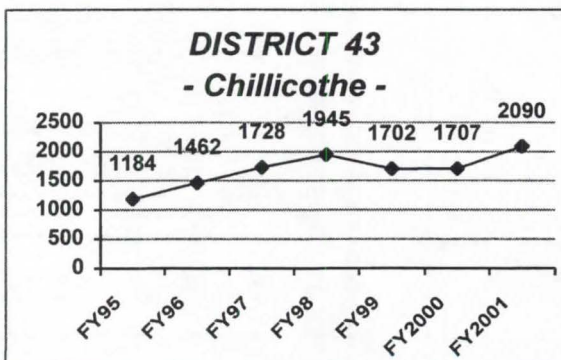
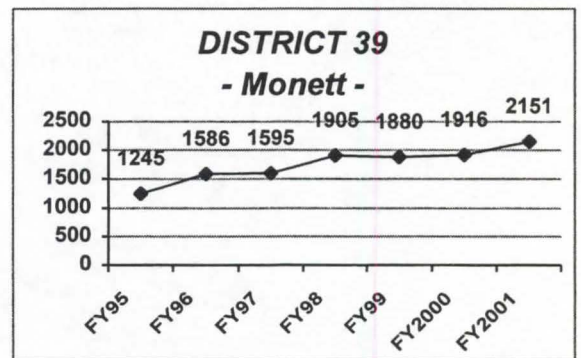
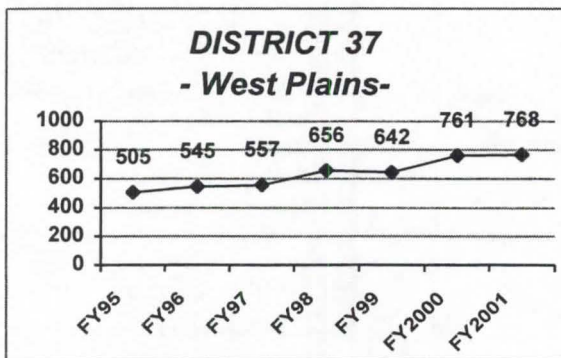
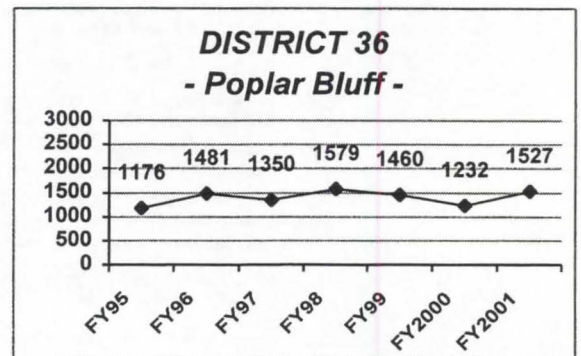
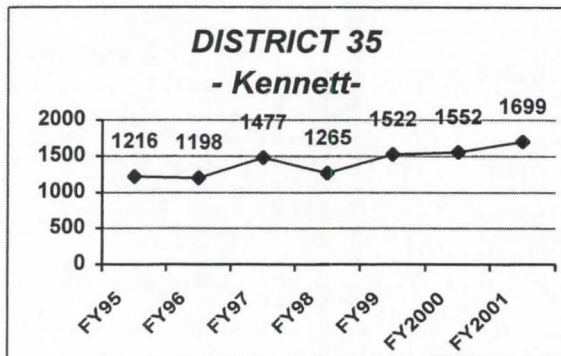
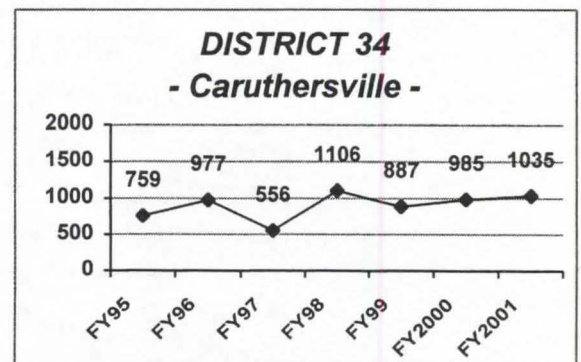
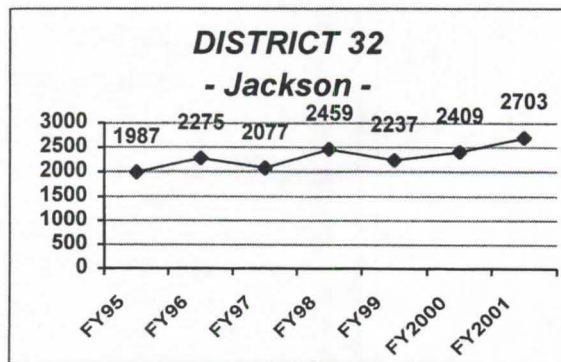
District #	District Name	FY96 Cases Assigned	FY97 Cases Assigned	% Change 96 to 97	FY98 Cases Assigned	% Change 97 to 98	FY99 Cases Assigned	% Change 98 to 99	FY00 Cases Assigned	% Change 99 to 00	FY01 Cases Assigned	% Change 00 to 01	% Change 96 to 2001	% Change 96 to 2000
1	St. Louis Juvenile	0	1,624	1,624 *	1,626	2 0.12%	1,919	293 18.02%	2,164	245 12.77%	1,657	(507) -23.43%	1,657	*
2	Kirkville	386	383	(3) -0.78%	376	(7) -1.83%	423	47 12.50%	447	24 5.67%	477	30 6.71%	91	23.58%
4	Maryville	528	536	8 1.52%	617	81 15.11%	535	(82) -13.29%	370	(165) -30.84%	509	139 37.57%	(19)	-3.60%
5	St. Joseph	1,915	1,507	(408) -21.31%	2,071	564 37.43%	2,169	98 4.73%	2,139	(30) -1.38%	2,100	(39) -1.82%	185	9.66%
6	Kansas City Juvenile										406	406 *	406	*
7	Liberty	2,189	2,143	(46) -2.10%	2,790	647 30.19%	3,103	313 11.22%	3,098	(5) -0.16%	3,119	21 0.68%	930	42.49%
10	Hannibal	846	896	50 5.91%	1,129	233 26.00%	998	(131) -11.60%	1,064	66 6.61%	1,318	254 23.87%	472	55.79%
11	St. Charles	1,657	1,751	94 5.67%	2,085	334 19.07%	1,866	(219) -10.50%	1,640	(226) -12.11%	1,769	129 7.87%	112	6.76%
12	Fulton	1,421	1,681	260 18.30%	1,667	(14) -0.83%	1,540	(127) -7.62%	1,652	112 7.27%	1,492	(160) -9.69%	71	5.00%
13	Columbia	2,902	2,516	(386) -13.30%	3,598	1,082 43.00%	3,843	245 6.81%	3,673	(170) -4.42%	3,753	80 2.18%	851	29.32%
14	Moberly	1,004	931	(73) -7.27%	1,122	191 20.52%	1,184	62 5.53%	1,182	(2) -0.17%	1,112	(70) -5.92%	108	10.76%
15	Sedalia	1,734	1,728	(6) -0.35%	1,921	193 11.17%	1,586	(335) -17.44%	1,540	(46) -2.90%	1,275	(265) -17.21%	(459)	-26.47%
16	Kansas City	9,073	9,969	896 9.88%	9,496	(473) -4.74%	8,962	(534) -5.62%	9,223	261 2.91%	8,574	(649) -7.04%	(499)	-5.50%
17	Harrisonville	1,739	2,053	314 18.06%	2,784	731 35.61%	2,819	35 1.26%	2,632	(187) -6.63%	2,526	(106) -4.03%	787	45.26%
19	Jefferson City	1,099	1,026	(73) -6.64%	1,287	261 25.44%	1,339	52 4.04%	1,244	(95) -7.09%	1,300	56 4.50%	201	18.29%
20	Union	910	1,185	275 30.22%	1,331	146 12.32%	1,399	68 5.11%	1,462	63 4.50%	1,366	(96) -6.57%	456	50.11%
21	St. Louis County	5,375	5,048	(327) -6.08%	4,333	(715) -14.16%	4,138	(195) -4.50%	3,805	(333) -8.05%	3,606	(199) -5.23%	(1,769)	-32.91%
22	St. Louis City	9,803	8,282	(1,521) -15.52%	7,745	(537) -6.48%	6,711	(1,034) -13.35%	8,241	1,530 22.80%	6,954	(1,287) -15.62%	(2,849)	-29.06%
23	Hillsboro	1,268	1,435	167 13.17%	1,269	(166) -11.57%	1,195	(74) -5.83%	1,234	39 3.26%	1,523	289 23.42%	255	20.11%
24	Farmington	1,516	1,634	118 7.78%	1,575	(59) -3.61%	1,719	144 9.14%	1,734	15 0.87%	1,808	74 4.27%	292	19.26%
25	Rolla	2,198	1,877	(321) -14.60%	2,147	270 14.38%	2,132	(15) -0.70%	2,358	226 10.60%	2,679	321 13.61%	481	21.88%
26	Lebanon	1,405	1,501	96 6.83%	1,906	405 26.98%	1,632	(274) -14.38%	1,901	269 16.48%	2,340	439 23.09%	935	66.55%
28	Nevada	799	812	13 1.63%	905	93 11.45%	1,007	102 11.27%	1,003	(4) -0.40%	1,131	128 12.76%	332	41.55%
29	Carthage	3,498	3,351	(147) -4.20%	3,713	362 10.80%	3,461	(252) -6.79%	3,791	330 9.53%	3,882	91 2.40%	384	10.98%
30	Buffalo	913	1,032	119 13.03%	1,171	139 13.47%	1,076	(95) -8.11%	941	(135) -12.55%	1,083	142 15.09%	170	18.62%
31	Springfield	2,242	2,584	342 15.25%	2,536	(48) -1.86%	2,577	41 1.62%	2,739	162 6.29%	3,094	355 12.96%	852	38.00%
32	Cape Girardeau	2,275	2,077	(198) -8.70%	2,459	382 18.39%	2,237	(222) -9.03%	2,409	172 7.69%	2,703	294 12.20%	428	18.81%
34	Caruthersville	977	556	(421) -43.09%	1,106	550 98.92%	887	(219) -19.80%	985	98 11.05%	1,035	50 5.08%	58	5.94%
35	Kennett	1,198	1,477	279 23.29%	1,265	(212) -14.35%	1,522	257 20.32%	1,552	30 1.97%	1,699	147 9.47%	501	41.82%
36	Poplar Bluff	1,481	1,350	(131) -8.85%	1,579	229 16.96%	1,460	(119) -7.54%	1,232	(228) -15.62%	1,527	295 23.94%	46	3.11%
37	West Plains	545	557	12 2.20%	656	99 17.77%	642	(14) -2.13%	761	119 18.54%	768	7 0.92%	223	40.92%
39	Monett	1,586	1,595	9 0.57%	1,905	310 19.44%	1,880	(25) -1.31%	1,916	36 1.91%	2,151	235 12.27%	565	35.62%
43	Chillicothe	1,462	1,728	266 18.19%	1,945	217 12.56%	1,702	(243) -12.49%	1,707	5 0.29%	2,090	383 22.44%	628	42.95%
44	Ava	460	543	83 18.04%	616	73 13.44%	525	(91) -14.77%	437	(88) -16.76%	568	131 29.98%	108	23.48%
45	Troy	578	676	98 16.96%	777	101 14.94%	816	39 5.02%	849	33 4.04%	881	32 3.77%	303	52.42%
47	Springfield Conflicts	511	350	(161) -31.51%	441	91 26.00%	0	(441) -100.00%					(511)	-100.00%
49	St. Louis City Conflic	866	838	(28) -3.23%	761	(77) -9.19%	696	(65) -8.54%	656	(40) -5.75%	638	(18) -2.74%	(228)	-26.33%
Total Trial Division Assignments		68,359	69,232	873 1.28%	74,710	5,478 7.91%	71,700	(3,010) -4.03%	73,781	2,081 2.90%	74,913	1,132 1.53%	6,554	9.59%
		FY1996	FY1997		FY1998		FY1999		FY2000		FY2001		FY1996 to FY2001	

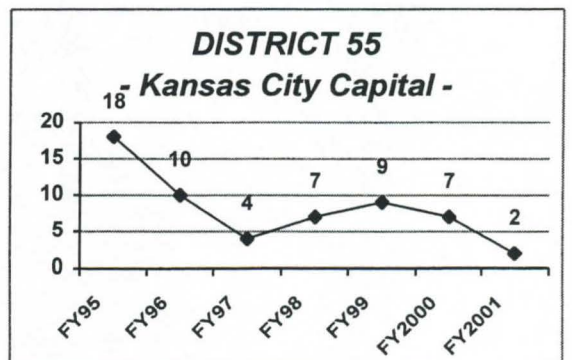
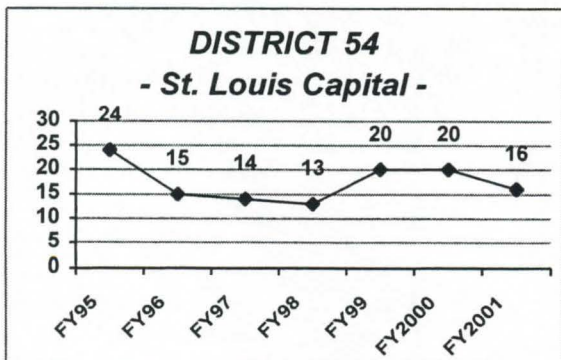
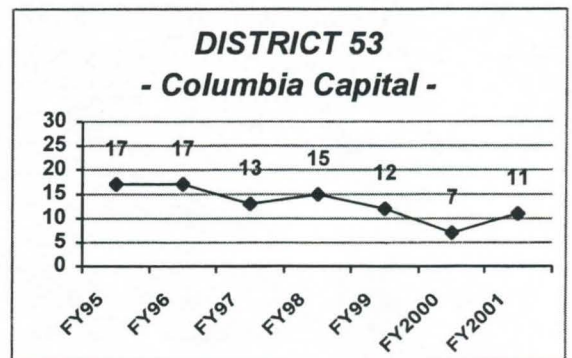
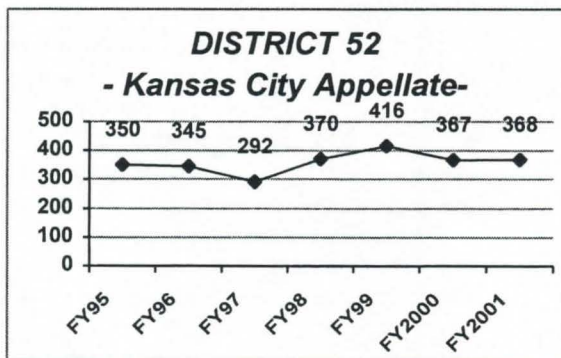
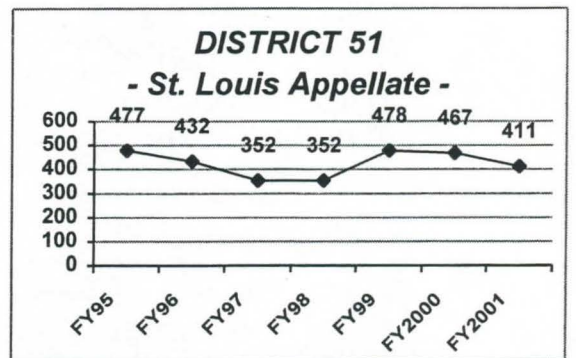
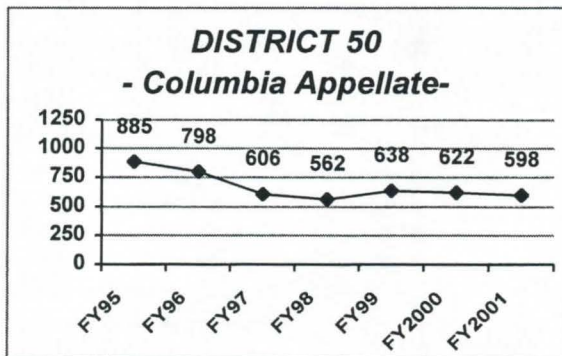
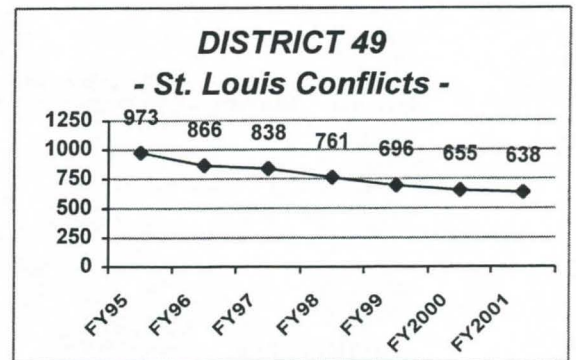
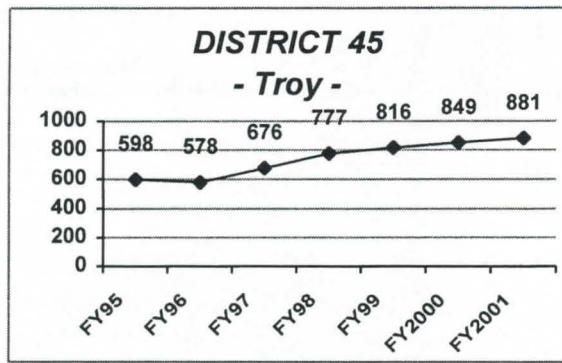
Assigned Caseload- By District FY1996 - FY2001











FY2001 TRIAL DIVISION ASSIGNED CASES BY CHARGE CODE

Charge Code	Description	FY01 Cases	Charge Code	Description	FY01 Cases
001.000	Probation Violation	10,414	217.385	Committing violence	44
001.100	Juvenile	437	221.111	Delivering/possessing prohibited articles in	71
001.110	Juvenile Injurious Behavior	280	221.353	Damage to jail property FD	31
001.115	Juvenile Review Hearing	139	252.040	Pursuing/taking wildlife	29
001.120	Juvenile PV Only	345	252.045	Operation of MV on conservation property	3
001.125	Juvenile Status	176	260.212	Criminal disposition of solid waste	0
001.130	Juvenile Misdemeanor	45	287.128	Workers compensation fraud/MA	3
001.135	Juvenile Felony C-D (Cert.)	3	288.380	Illegal unemployment compensation	0
001.140	Juvenile Felony A-B (Cert.)	4	301.020	Failure to register	174
001.145	Juvenile Felony C-D	77	301.120	Failure to return plates	6
001.150	Juvenile Felony A-B	14	301.130	Failure to display valid plates	104
001.155	Juvenile Murder 1st/2nd (Cert.)	1	301.140	Displaying plates of another	64
001.160	Juvenile Homicide (Cert.)	0	301.218	Conducting salvage bus. without a license	0
001.165	Juvenile Homicide	0	301.277	Failure to register non-resident vehicle	27
043.170	Failure to stop for Hwy Patrol	3	301.320	Displaying another states plates	7
115.631	Election Offense Class I	0	301.390	Sale of vehicle with altered VIN	4
142.432	No spec. motor fuel lic.	0	301.400	Removing/defacing manufacturer numbers F	0
143.931	Failure to file MO tax return	2	301.420	False statement on application for registrat	2
144.480	Failure to pay state sales tax	2	302.020	Operating MV without a valid license	353
167.031	Compulsory school attendance MC	166	302.025	Financial responsibility while operating vehi	78
167.061	Educational neglect	10	302.200	Operating MV w/out new license after revo	14
190.308	Misuse of 911 phone service	10	302.210	Purchase of vehicle without receiving full ti	0
191.677	Risk of infecting another w/HIV FD	5	302.220	Possession of altered driver's license	14
191.905	False receipt of health care payment	0	302.230	Making false stmt to obtain driver's license	4
194.410	Disturbing human burial site	3	302.260	Unlicensed person operating motor vehicle	1
194.425	Abandonment of a corpse	2	302.321	Driving while suspended or revoked	5,221
195.130	Maintaining a public nuisance	6	302.340	Prohibited use of a license	0
195.202	Drug Possession	6,276	303.024	Failure to provide evidence of insurance	190
195.203	Possession Under 35 Grams	543	303.025	Operating MV w/out financial responsibility	187
195.204	Fraudulent attempt to obtain cont. sub.	104	303.041	Failure to maintain financial responsibility	41
195.211	Distribution/delivery/manufacture FA/B/C	3,049	303.370	Driving while revoked or suspended for 303.	154
195.212	Unlawful distribution to minor	5	304.000	Traffic	207
195.213	Unlawful purchase or transport with a minor	3	304.010	Speeding	336
195.214	Dist. drugs within 1000 ft of a school FA	178	304.012	Careless and imprudent driving	249
195.218	Dist. drugs within 1000 ft of public housing	104	304.013	Operating ATV's illegally	12
195.222	Drug trafficking FD	87	304.015	Failure to drive on right side of the road	240
195.223	Drug trafficking SD	563	304.016	Violation of passing regulation	18
195.226	Furnishing materials for producing cont. sub	2	304.017	Following too closely	15
195.233	Use of drug paraphernalia MA	761	304.019	Failure to signal	60
195.235	Delivery or manufacture of drug parapherna	19	304.022	Failure to yield to emergency vehicle	73
195.241	Possession of an imitation drug	10	304.271	Failure to stop at stop sign	39
195.242	Delivery or manufacture of an imitation dru	61	304.281	Failure to stop at signal or crosswalk	17
195.246	Possession of ephedrine	88	304.351	Failure to yield right-of-way	71
194.254	Delivery by manufacturer or distributor	0	304.665	Juvenile in bed of truck	0
195.291	Persistent drug offender	1	306.111	Neg. operation vessel/intoxicated/manslaug	3
195.410	Possession of chemicals for meth.	10	306.124	Fastening or damaging navigation aid w/vess	0
195.420	Creation of a controlled substance	206	307.040	Failure to display stop & turn signals on trai	4
210.104	Failure to provide child safety restraint	14	307.045	Faulty headlights	10
211.031	Exclusive jurisdiction of juvenile court	29	307.070	Failure to dim lights w/in 500 ft oncoming v	16
217.360	Possession of cont. sub. in corr. facility	110	307.075	Failure to equip trailer with tail lights	21

FY2001 TRIAL DIVISION ASSIGNED CASES BY CHARGE CODE

Charge Code	Description	FY01 Cases	Charge Code	Description	FY01 Cases
307.170	Operating vehicle with excessive noise	14	565.120	Felonious restraint FC	51
307.173	Vision reducing material applied to windows	10	565.130	False imprisonment MA/FD	17
307.178	Seat belt violation	80	565.150	Interfering with Custody	20
307.400	Operating commercial vehicle without service	7	565.153	Parental Kidnapping	11
311.310	Supplying liquor to a minor	68	565.156	Child abduction	9
311.325	Possession of liquor by a minor	255	565.165	Assisting in child abduction or kidnapping	2
311.328	Altering operator's license or ID card	2	565.180	Elder abuse FD	5
311.329	Possessing altered operator's license or ID	5	565.182	Elder abuse SD	3
311.550	Sale of liquor without a license	2	565.184	Elder abuse TD	10
311.880	Sale of alcohol to minor	4	565.188	False report of elder abuse	0
313.380	Possess any device violating sect 313.800-8	0	565.225	Aggravated stalking	61
313.830	Cheating a gambling game	4	565.225	Stalking	0
367.045	Failure to repay pawnbroker MB	0	565.253	Invasion of privacy	2
407.020	Unlawful merchandising practices	3	566.030	Rape FA/B	182
407.536	Odometer fraud FD	1	566.032	Statutory rape FD	179
407.542	Odometer fraud attempt	0	566.034	Statutory rape SD	108
454.440	Failing to complete an information statement	11	566.040	Sexual assault 1st FA/B	28
455.085	Violation of a protective order	518	566.050	Sexual assault 2nd FC/D	8
455.538	Violation of an order of child protection	8	566.060	Sodomy FA/B	87
468.350	As owner oper/auth another to op	1	566.062	Statutory sodomy 1st Dgr	259
476.110	Criminal contempt of court	22	566.064	Statutory sodomy 2nd Dgr	43
542.400	Illegal wire tapping	0	566.067	Child molestation 1st Dgr	110
544.665	Failure to appear	136	566.068	Child molestation 2nd Dgr	29
548.131	Fugitive from justice	431	566.070	Deviate sexual assault 1st FB/C	15
557.035	Hate crime C/D Fel	1	566.080	Deviate sexual assault 2nd FC/D	1
557.036	Persistent offender	64	566.083	Sexual misconduct involving a child	17
558.016	Persistent misdemeanor offender	0	566.090	Sexual misconduct MA	96
562.036	Possessing controlled substance w/intent to	0	566.093	Sexual misconduct 2nd Dgr	50
564.011	Attempt to commit an offense	344	566.095	Sexual misconduct 3rd Dgr	12
564.016	Conspiracy FB	65	566.100	Sexual abuse 1st FC/D	27
565.020	Murder 1st FA	163	566.110	Sexual abuse 2nd MA/FD	2
565.021	Murder 2nd FA	122	566.120	Sexual abuse 3rd MA	3
565.023	Voluntary manslaughter FB	5	566.130	Indecent exposure MA	1
565.024	Involuntary manslaughter FC	51	566.625	Failure to register as a sex offender	3
565.050	Assault 1st FA/B	524	567.020	Prostitution MB	67
565.060	Assault 2nd FC	967	567.030	Patronizing prostitution MB	2
565.065	Unlawful endangerment of another FC	2	567.050	Promoting prostitution 1st FB	0
565.070	Assault 3rd MA/C	3,298	567.060	Promoting prostitution 2nd FC	2
565.072	Domestic Assault 1st FC	32	567.070	Promoting prostitution 3rd FD	5
565.073	Domestic Assault 2nd FC	281	568.010	Bigamy MA	0
565.074	Domestic Assault 3rd FC	333	568.020	Incest FD	11
565.075	Assault on school property - FD	25	568.030	Abandonment of a child 1st FB	1
565.081	Assault law enforcement officer FA	51	568.032	Abandonment of a child 2nd FD	0
565.082	Assault law enforcement officer	116	568.040	Criminal nonsupport MA/FD	2,760
565.083	Assault law enforcement officer 3rd MA	200	568.045	Endangering welfare of a child 1st Dgr	279
565.084	Tampering with a judicial officer	14	568.050	Endangering welfare of a child MA	183
565.090	Harassment MA	156	568.060	Abuse of a child FB/C	138
565.092	aggravated harassment	0	568.070	Unlawful transactions with a child MB	1
565.100	Tampering with evidence	0	568.080	Using a child in a sexual performance FB/C	2
565.110	Kidnapping FA/B	59	568.090	Promoting sexual performance by a child FC	2

FY2001 TRIAL DIVISION ASSIGNED CASES BY CHARGE CODE

Charge Code	Description	FY01 Cases	Charge Code	Description	FY01 Cases
568.110	Processor failure to report MB	0	571.015	Armed criminal action	27
568.175	Trafficking in children FC	0	571.020	Possess/transport/sale of certain weapons	73
569.020	Robbery 1st FA	792	571.030	Unlawful use of weapons FD/MB	1,290
569.025	Pharmacy robbery 1st FA	0	571.045	Defacing firearm MA	0
569.030	Robbery 2nd FB	489	571.050	Possession of a defaced firearm MB	3
569.035	Pharmacy robbery 2nd FB	1	571.060	Unlawful transfer of weapons FD/MA	1
569.040	Arson 1st FB	59	571.070	Possession of a concealable firearm FC	5
569.050	Arson 2nd FC	79	571.080	Transfer of concealable firearms w/out per	3
569.055	Knowingly burning or exploding FD	56	571.090	Permit to acquire concealable weapons MA	1
569.060	Receless burning or exploding MA	4	571.150	Use or possession of metal-penetrating bull	0
569.065	Negligent burning or exploding MB	10	572.020	Gambling MB	1
569.070	Catastrophe FA	0	572.030	Promoting gambling FD	0
569.080	Tampering 1st FC	1,961	572.040	Promoting gambling 2nd MA	0
569.085	Unlawful endangerment of property FC	0	572.050	Possession of gambling records 1st FD	0
569.090	Tampering 2nd MA/FD	305	572.060	Possession of gambling records 2nd MA	0
569.095	Tampering with intellectual property MA/F	3	572.070	Possession of a gambling device MA	0
569.097	Tampering with computer equipment FC/D	1	572.080	Lottery offenses	0
569.099	Tampering with computer users MA/FD	0	573.020	Promoting obscenity 1st FD	1
569.100	Property damage 1st FD	255	573.023	Sexual Exploitation of a Minor	2
569.120	Property damage 2nd MB	526	573.025	Promoting child pornography 1st FB	3
569.140	Trespass 1st MB	451	573.030	Promoting obscenity 2nd MA	2
569.150	Trespass SD	38	573.035	Promoting child pornography 2nd FD	7
569.160	Burglary 1st FB	789	573.037	Possession of child pornography	4
569.170	Burglary 2nd FC	2,853	573.040	Furnishing pornographic material to a minor	2
569.180	Possession of burglar's tools FD	19	573.060	Public display of explicit sexual material MA	1
570.030	Stealing FC/MA	4,856	573.065	Coercing acceptance of obscene materials	0
570.033	Stealing animals	15	574.010	Peace disturbance	170
570.040	Stealing 3rd Offense FC	176	574.020	Private peace disturbance MC	2
570.080	Receiving stolen property MA/FC	863	574.040	Unlawful assembly MB	0
570.085	Alteration or removal of item numbers FD/	2	574.050	Rioting MA	0
570.090	Forgery FC	2,202	574.060	Refusal to disperse MC	0
570.100	Possession of a forgery instrumentality FC	3	574.070	Promoting civil disorder 1st FC	0
570.103	Counterfeiting 1000 or more	0	574.075	Drunkenness or drinking in prohibited places	3
570.110	Issuing a false instrument or certificate M	0	574.085	Burial descretion	0
570.120	Passing bad check MA/FD	4,908	574.085	Institutional vandalism	0
570.125	Fraudulent stop payment on an instrument	29	574.090	Ethnic intimidation FD	0
570.130	Fraudulent use of a credit device MA/FD	233	574.093	Ethnic intimidation SD	2
570.140	Deceptive business practice MA	2	574.105	Money laundering	0
570.150	Commercial bribery MA	0	575.020	Concealing an offense MA	2
570.155	Sports bribery FEL/MIS	0	575.030	Hindering prosecution	61
570.160	False advertising MA	0	575.040	Perjury FA/B/C/D	11
570.170	Bait advertising MA	0	575.050	False affidavit MA/C	5
570.180	Defrauding secured creditors MA/FD	14	575.060	False declarations MB	21
570.190	Telephone service fraud MA	0	575.080	False reports MB	63
570.210	Library theft FC/MC	2	575.090	False bomb report D-fel	18
570.217	Misapplication of funds of financial instituti	0	575.100	Tampering with physical evidence	12
570.219	False entries in records of a financial instit	0	575.110	Tampering with public records	0
570.220	Check kiting FC	7	575.120	False impersonation	9
570.223	Idenity Theft	5	575.130	Simulating legal process	0
570.300	Theft of cable television service FA/MC	2	575.150	Resis.Interf. w/Arr. FD/MA	463

FY2001 TRIAL DIVISION ASSIGNED CASES BY CHARGE CODE

Charge Code	Description	FY01 Cases	Charge Code	Description	FY01 Cases
575.160	Interf. w/Legal Process MB	5	577.076	Littering with carcasses	0
575.195	Escape from commitment FD	11	577.080	Abandoning motor vehicle MA	3
575.200	Escape/attempt escape from custody MA F	51	577.100	Abandonment of airtight containers	0
575.210	Escape/attempt escape from confinement F	36	577.110	Operating MV while under 16 years of age	1
575.220	Failure to return to confinement MA/FC	17	577.150	Corrupting or diverting water supply	1
575.230	Aiding escape of a prisoner FB/D MA	9	577.155	Prohibition of waste disposal wells	0
575.240	Permitting escape	0	577.161	Can't prohibit disabled lifeJackets in pool	0
575.250	Disturbing judicial proceeding	1	577.600	Failure to use ordered ignition interlock dev	3
575.260	Tampering with judicial process	1	578.009	Animal neglect MA	19
575.270	Tampering with a witness FC/MA	55	578.012	Animal abuse	54
575.280	Official acceding to corruption	0	578.025	Dog fighting MA/FD	4
575.290	Improper communication	0	578.027	Dog baiting MA	0
575.300	Juror misconduct	0	578.050	Bullbaiting and cockfighting MA	0
575.310	Misconduct in selecting or summoning juror	0	578.150	Failure to return rented personal property	252
575.320	Misconduct in administration of justice	0	578.250	Inhaling/ inducing others to inhale fumes M	20
575.350	Killing or Disabling a Police Animal	1	578.255	Induce or possess w/intent to induce intoxi	5
576.010	Bribery of a public servant FD	0	578.260	Possess/purchase solvents to aid others MB	1
576.020	Public servant acceding to corruption FD	1	578.265	Sell/transfer solvents to induce symptoms	0
576.030	Obstructing government operations MB	13	578.365	Hazing	0
576.040	Official misconduct MA	0	578.377	Unlawful receipt of food stamps MA/FD	6
576.050	Misuse of official information MA	0	578.379	Unlawful conversion of food stamps MA/FD	2
576.060	Failure to give a tax list	0	578.381	Unlawful transfer of food stamps MA/FD	0
576.070	Treason FA	0	578.395	Ticket scalping	3
577.005	Vehicular manslaughter	1	578.423	Knowingly participating in street gang activi	0
577.010	Driving while intoxicated MA/B FD	3,529	578.425	Promoting or assisting gang conduct MA	0
577.012	Driving w/excessive blood alcohol content M	33	578.433	Maintaining public nuisance	0
577.017	Consuming alcoholic beverages in moving MV	14	578.445	Possession of tools to break into vending ma	0
577.023	Driving while intoxicated Second MA, Third	109	589.414	Failure to register as a sex offender	36
577.051	Failure to furnish M.U.L.E. records MC	0	602.300	Unlawfully possessing a tobacco product	0
577.060	Leaving scene of motor vehicle accident MA	357	632.480	Sexually violent predator	2
577.070	Littering MA	27	701.057	Construction of on-site sewage disposal sys	0
577.073	Littering in state parks	1	999.999	Witness Only	8

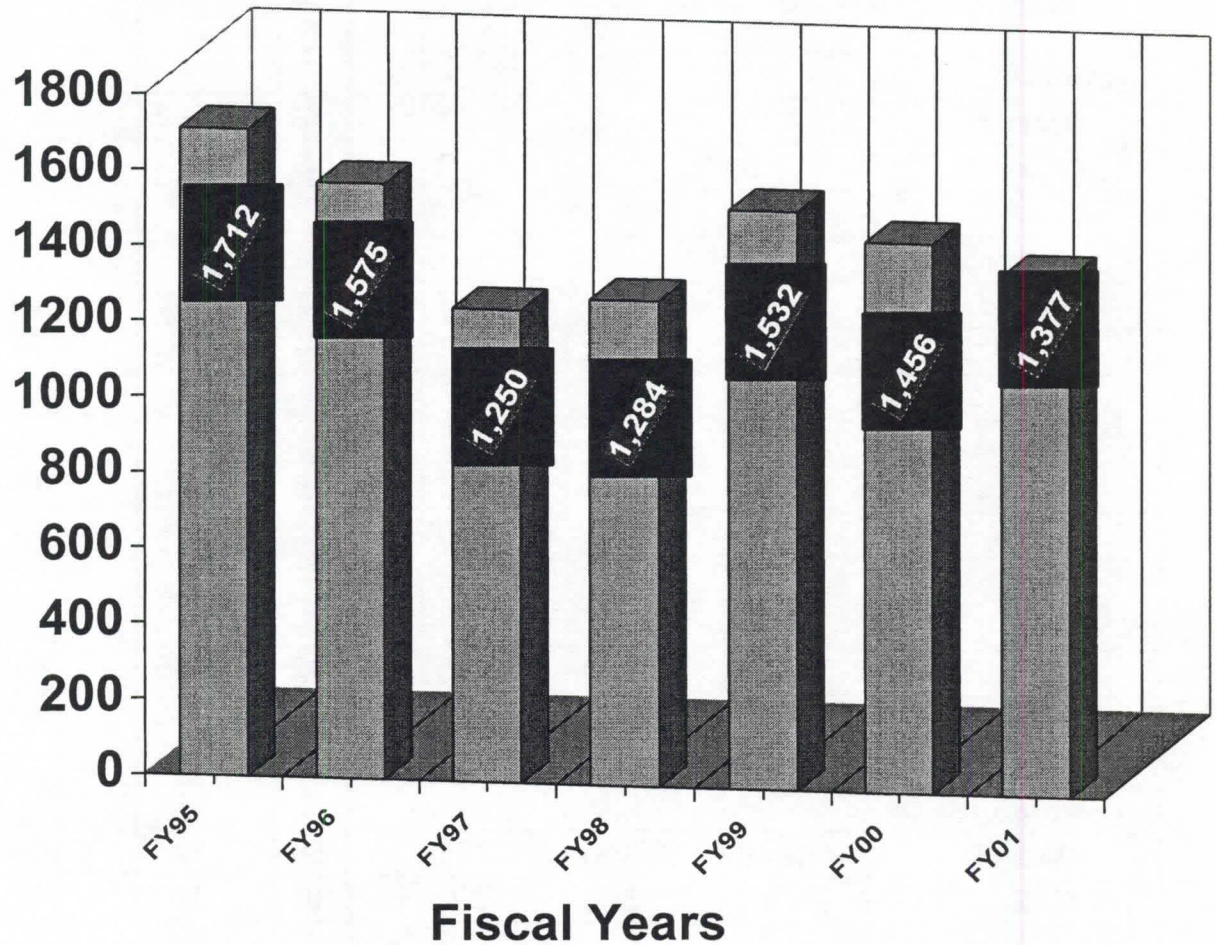
**FY2001 CONFLICT ASSIGNMENTS
by Case Type**

	Description	# of Cases Assigned
10	Murder - Death Penalty	8
15	Murder - 1 st Degree	4
20	Other Homicide	6
30	A-B Felony	129
35	C-D Felony	196
40	Misdemeanor	67
52	Juvenile	18
54	Post Conviction Relief - Rule 24	2
59	Post Conviction Relief - Rule 29	3
60	Chapter 552	2
65	Probation Violation	25
80	Appeal	7
82	Direct Appeal	0
	Total Conflict Assignments	467

FY2001 APPELLATE DIVISION CASELOAD
Cases Opened and Closed

	Central Columbia		Eastern St. Louis		Western Kansas City		Totals
	Area 50	Area 67	Area 51	Area 68	Area 52	Area 69	
Death PCR							
Opened	5	2	1	2	2	0	12
Closed	8	2	0	0	2	0	12
Felony Appeals							
Opened	166	0	53	37	38	44	338
Closed	213	0	52	34	31	34	365
PCR Appeals							
Opened	77	48	53	58	55	45	336
Closed	91	31	65	52	39	45	323
PCR Trials							
Opened	0	300	115	92	89	95	691
Closed	0	275	104	95	85	59	618
Appellate Division Totals							
Opened	248	350	222	189	184	184	1377
Closed	312	308	221	181	157	138	1317
Totals							
Opened	598		411		368		1377
Closed	620		402		295		1317
	Central Columbia		Eastern St. Louis		Western Kansas City		

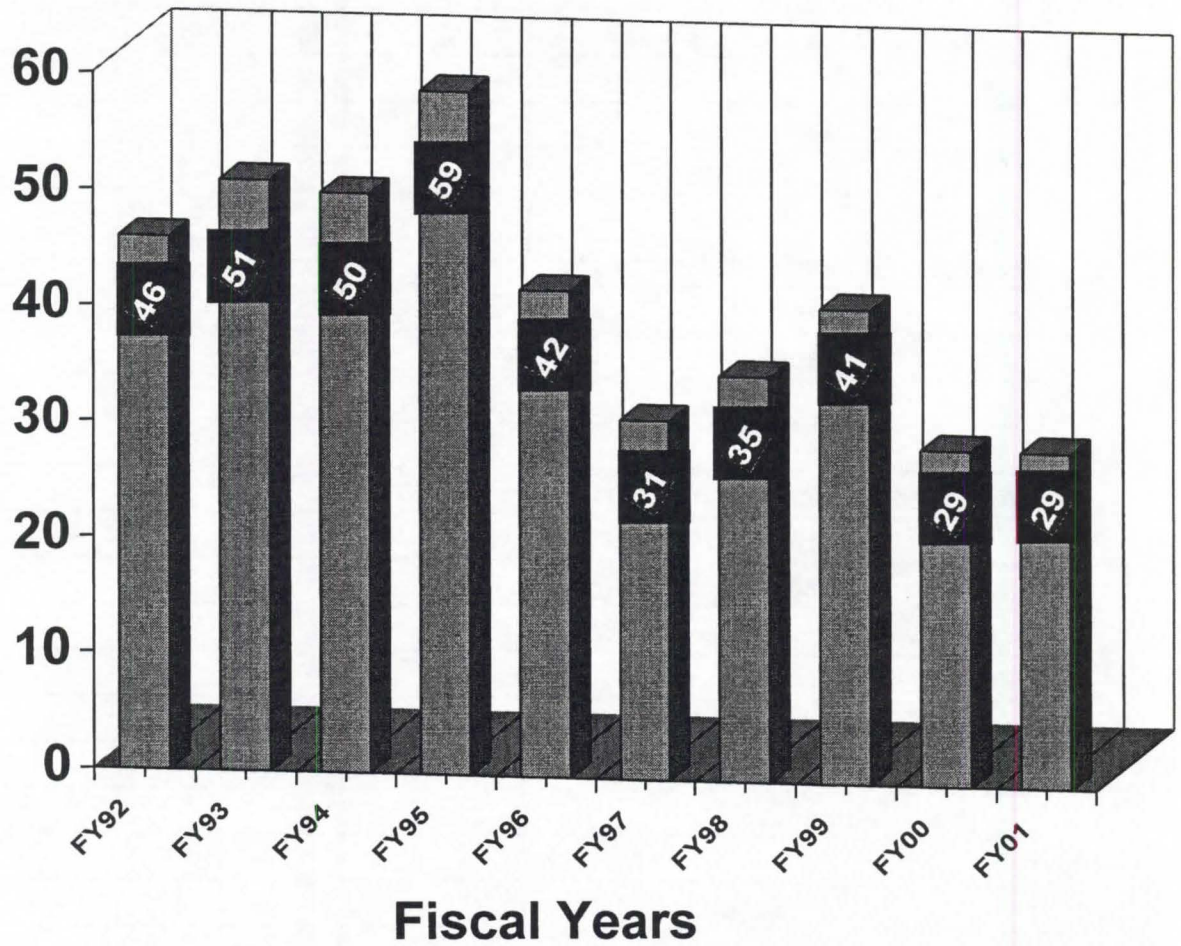
Number of Appellate Division Cases



FY2001CAPITAL DIVISION Cases Opened and Closed DEATH PENALTY CASELOAD			
	Opened	Closed	Current Caseload
Central Office - Columbia			
Trials	7	6	13
Appeals	4	4	5
Totals	11	10	20
Eastern Office - St. Louis City			
Trials	15	14	23
Appeals	1	2	3
Totals	16	16	26
Western Office - Kansas City			
Trials	0	1	8
Appeals	2	0	2
Totals	2	1	10
Total Death Penalty Cases			
Trials	22	21	44
Appeals	7	6	10
Totals	29	27	54

The Direct Appeals of Death Penalty Cases was transferred to the Capital Division in October of 1997. In addition to the Direct Appeals, the staff assigned to direct appeals of death penalty cases assist the Capital Division Trial staff in trial preparation.

Number of Death Penalty Cases



1. Cases Closed

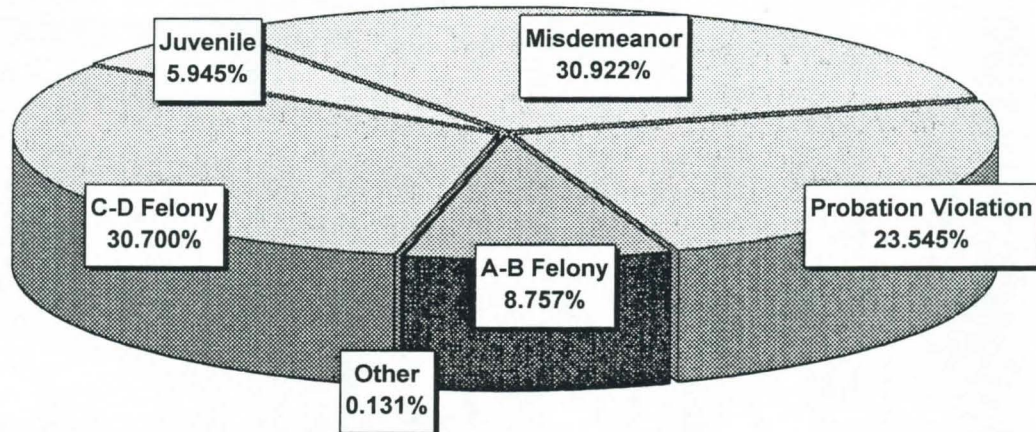
The State Public Defender System's Trial Division closed 71,887 cases in Fiscal Year 2001. This is more than double the number of closed cases since 1984 when the State Public Defender System closed 31,730 cases.

FY2001 Trial Division Closed Cases by Case Type		
	Description	# of Cases Represented
10	Murder - Death Penalty	2
15	Murder - 1 st Degree	134
20	Other Homicide	106
30	A-B Felony	6,053
35	C-D Felony	22,069
40	Misdemeanor	16,991
45	Misdemeanor - Traffic	5,238
50	Juvenile - Status	738
52	Juvenile - Criminal	3,536
54	Post Conviction Relief - Rule 24	3
59	Post Conviction Relief - Rule 29	1
60	Chapter 552	54
61	Sexual Predator Hearings & Trials	2
65	Probation Violation	16,926
75	Writ	20
80	Appeal	9
82	Direct Appeal	5
	Total Trial Division Closed Cases	71,887

TRIAL DIVISION CASE DISPOSITIONS
SIX FISCAL YEAR COMPARISONS - FY96 to FY2001
BY DISTRICT

District #	District Name	FY96 Cases Disposed	FY97 Cases Disposed	# Change 96 to 97	% Change 96 to 97	FY98 Cases Disposed	# Change 97 to 98	% Change 97 to 98	FY99 Cases Disposed	# Change 98 to 99	% Change 98 to 99	FY00 Cases Disposed	# Change 99 to 00	% Change 99 to 00	FY01 Cases Disposed	# Change 00 to 01	% Change 00 to 01	# Change 96 to 2001	% Change 96 to 2001
1	St. Louis Juvenile	0	1,880	1,880	*	1,445	(435)	-23.14%	1,412	(33)	-2.28%	1,619	207	14.66%	1,587	(32)	-1.98%	1,587	*
2	Kirksville	380	416	36	9.47%	351	(65)	-15.63%	429	78	22.22%	429	0	0.00%	478	49	11.42%	98	25.79%
4	Maryville	496	529	33	6.65%	586	57	10.78%	583	(3)	-0.51%	370	(213)	-36.54%	414	44	11.89%	(82)	-16.53%
5	St. Joseph	2,055	1,625	(430)	-20.92%	1,903	278	17.11%	2,076	173	9.09%	2,102	26	1.25%	2,237	135	6.42%	182	8.86%
6	Kansas City Juvenile														326	326	*	326	*
7	Liberty	2,081	2,065	(16)	-0.77%	2,634	569	27.55%	3,023	389	14.77%	3,026	3	0.10%	3,243	217	7.17%	1,162	55.84%
10	Hannibal	812	854	42	5.17%	1,156	302	35.36%	1,019	(137)	-11.85%	1,032	13	1.28%	1,276	244	23.64%	464	57.14%
11	St. Charles	1,581	1,869	288	18.22%	2,033	164	8.77%	1,913	(120)	-5.90%	1,669	(244)	-12.75%	1,702	33	1.98%	121	7.65%
12	Fulton	1,406	1,679	273	19.42%	1,703	24	1.43%	1,586	(117)	-6.87%	1,540	(46)	-2.90%	1,537	(3)	-0.19%	131	9.32%
13	Columbia	2,964	1,874	(1,090)	-36.77%	3,187	1,313	70.06%	4,041	854	26.80%	3,642	(399)	-9.87%	3,677	35	0.96%	713	24.06%
14	Moberly	957	653	(304)	-31.77%	1,015	362	55.44%	1,212	197	19.41%	1,183	(29)	-2.39%	1,042	(141)	-11.92%	85	8.88%
15	Sedalia	1,714	1,753	39	2.28%	1,696	(57)	-3.25%	1,702	6	0.35%	1,510	(192)	-11.28%	1,393	(117)	-7.75%	(321)	-18.73%
16	Kansas City	8,611	9,054	443	5.14%	8,572	(482)	-5.32%	8,604	32	0.37%	8,529	(75)	-0.87%	8,134	(395)	-4.63%	(477)	-5.54%
17	Harrisonville	1,652	2,034	382	23.12%	2,600	566	27.83%	2,907	307	11.81%	2,265	(642)	-22.08%	2,471	206	9.09%	819	49.58%
19	Jefferson City	1,097	797	(300)	-27.35%	1,163	366	45.92%	1,378	215	18.49%	1,097	(281)	-20.39%	1,388	291	26.53%	291	26.53%
20	Union	977	1,355	378	38.69%	1,241	(114)	-8.41%	1,447	206	16.60%	1,414	(33)	-2.28%	1,480	66	4.67%	503	51.48%
21	St. Louis County	6,753	4,680	(2,073)	-30.70%	4,054	(626)	-13.38%	4,651	597	14.73%	3,289	(1,362)	-29.28%	3,082	(207)	-6.29%	(3,671)	-54.36%
22	St. Louis City	10,587	8,572	(2,015)	-19.03%	8,322	(250)	-2.92%	7,777	(545)	-6.55%	6,979	(798)	-10.26%	6,842	(137)	-1.96%	(3,745)	-35.37%
23	Hillsboro	1,284	1,404	120	9.35%	1,241	(163)	-11.61%	1,214	(27)	-2.18%	1,242	28	2.31%	1,234	(8)	-0.64%	(50)	-3.89%
24	Farmington	1,356	1,657	301	22.20%	1,533	(124)	-7.48%	1,663	130	8.48%	1,969	306	18.40%	1,787	(182)	-9.24%	431	31.78%
25	Rolla	2,121	2,040	(81)	-3.82%	1,984	(56)	-2.75%	2,116	132	6.65%	2,155	39	1.84%	2,416	261	12.11%	295	13.91%
26	Lebanon	1,378	1,470	92	6.68%	1,755	285	19.39%	1,625	(130)	-7.41%	1,878	253	15.57%	2,325	447	23.80%	947	68.72%
28	Nevada	724	805	81	11.19%	960	155	19.25%	979	19	1.98%	1,005	26	2.66%	1,151	146	14.53%	427	58.98%
29	Carthage	3,495	3,214	(281)	-8.04%	3,540	326	10.14%	3,391	(149)	-4.21%	3,201	(190)	-5.60%	2,853	(348)	-10.87%	(642)	-18.37%
30	Buffalo	836	971	135	16.15%	1,189	218	22.45%	1,088	(101)	-8.49%	916	(172)	-15.81%	1,118	202	22.05%	282	33.73%
31	Springfield	2,194	2,585	391	17.82%	2,447	(138)	-5.34%	2,510	63	2.57%	2,334	(176)	-7.01%	2,839	505	21.64%	645	29.40%
32	Cape Girardeau	2,223	1,757	(466)	-20.96%	2,544	787	44.79%	2,335	(209)	-8.22%	2,104	(231)	-9.89%	2,674	570	27.09%	451	20.29%
34	Caruthersville	1,038	521	(517)	-49.81%	1,275	754	144.72%	994	(281)	-22.04%	910	(84)	-8.45%	1,085	175	19.23%	47	4.53%
35	Kennett	1,204	1,333	129	10.71%	1,542	209	15.68%	1,461	(81)	-5.25%	1,591	130	8.90%	1,719	128	8.05%	515	42.77%
36	Poplar Bluff	872	1,040	168	19.27%	2,625	1,585	152.40%	1,492	(1,133)	-43.16%	1,240	(252)	-16.89%	1,549	309	24.92%	677	77.64%
37	West Plains	584	534	(50)	-8.56%	663	129	24.16%	644	(19)	-2.87%	812	168	26.09%	685	(127)	-15.64%	101	17.29%
39	Monett	1,595	1,623	28	1.76%	1,724	101	6.22%	1,939	215	12.47%	1,765	(174)	-8.97%	2,050	285	16.15%	455	28.53%
43	Chillicothe	1,389	1,705	316	22.75%	1,784	79	4.63%	1,767	(17)	-0.95%	1,697	(70)	-3.96%	2,036	339	19.98%	647	46.58%
44	Ava	443	541	98	22.12%	547	6	1.11%	546	(1)	-0.18%	434	(112)	-20.51%	489	55	12.67%	46	10.38%
45	Troy	512	658	146	28.52%	667	9	1.37%	835	168	25.19%	783	(52)	-6.23%	874	91	11.62%	362	70.70%
47	Springfield Conflict	688	291	(397)	-57.70%	498	207	71.13%	0									(688)	*
49	St. Louis City Confl	863	772	(91)	-10.54%	824	52	6.74%	838	14	1.70%	583	(255)	-30.43%	694	111	19.04%	(169)	-19.58%
Total Trial Division Dispositions		68,922	66,610	(2,312)	-3.35%	73,003	6,393	9.60%	73,197	194	0.27%	68,314	(4,883)	-6.67%	71,887	3,573	5.23%	2,965	4.30%
		FY1996	FY1997			FY1998			FY1999			FY2000			FY2001			FY96 to FY01	

FY2001 - Trial Division Closed Cases by Case Type

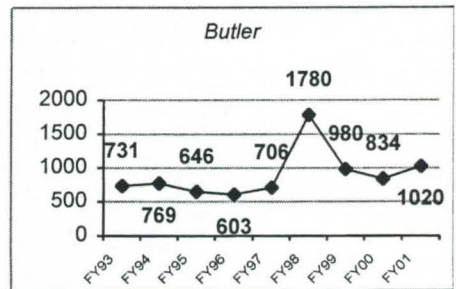
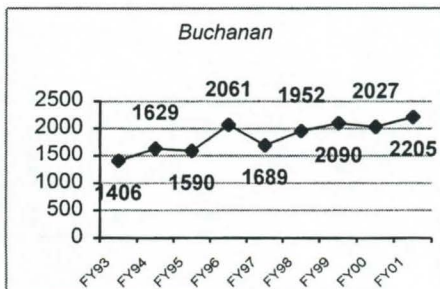
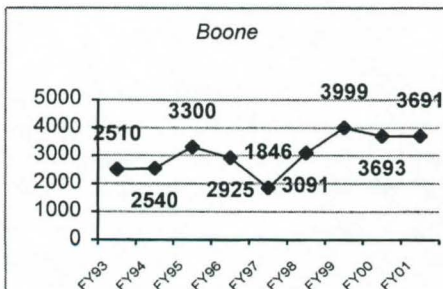
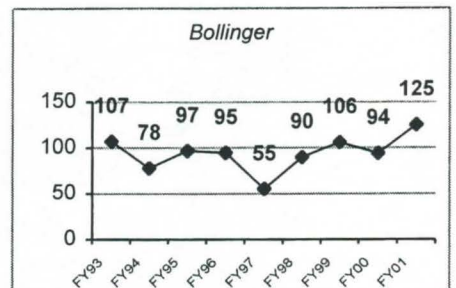
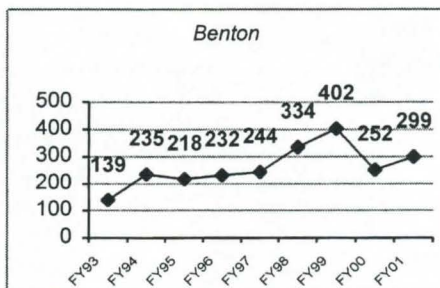
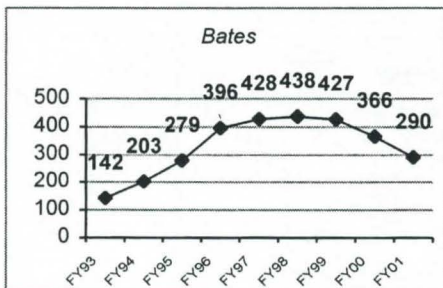
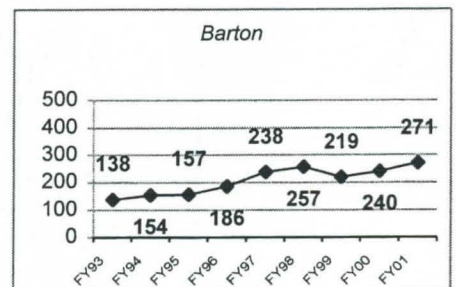
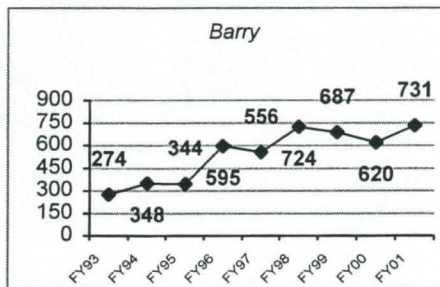
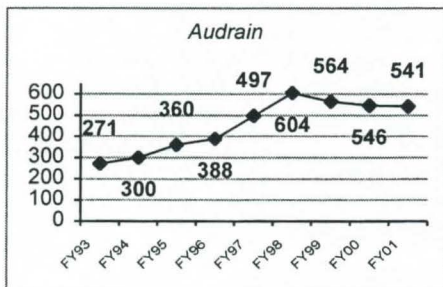
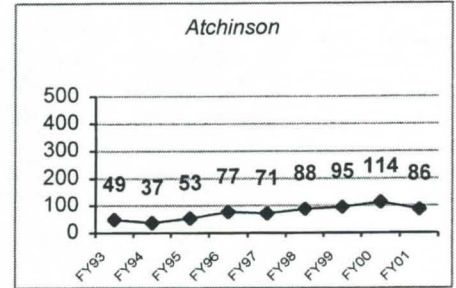
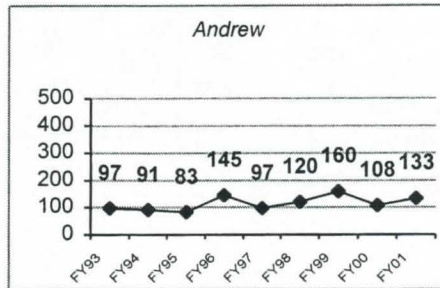
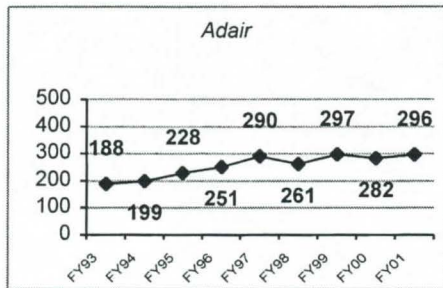


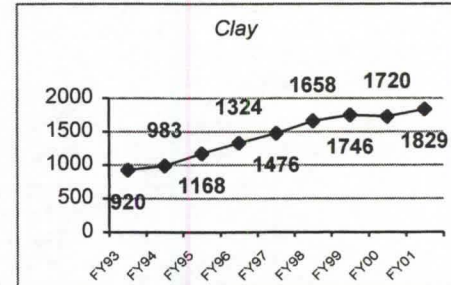
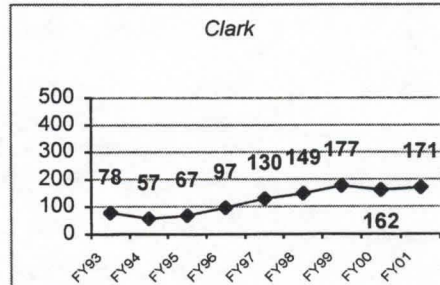
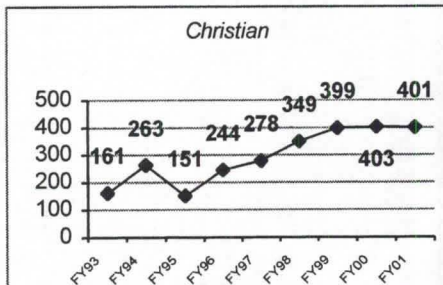
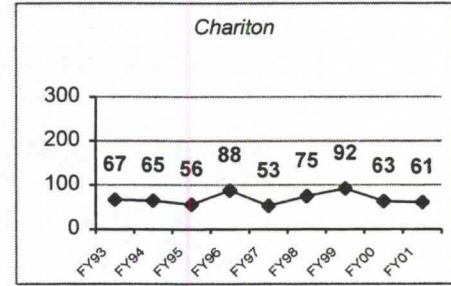
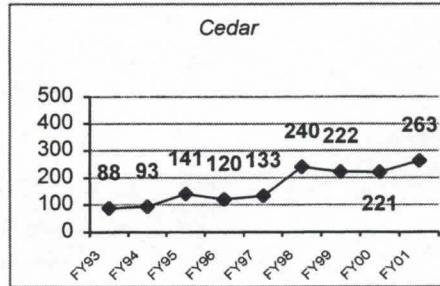
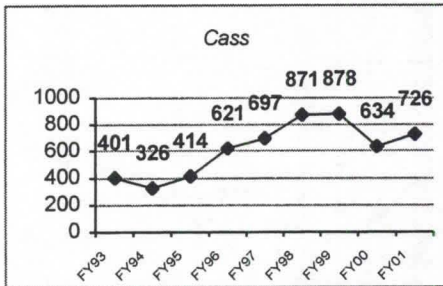
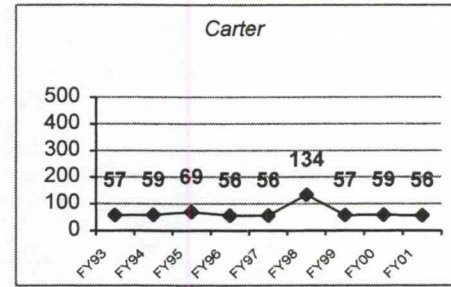
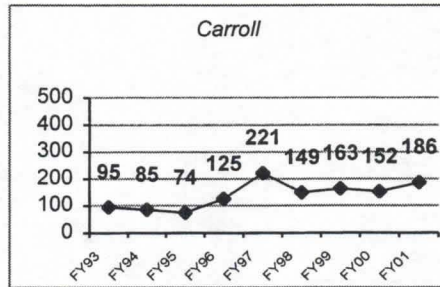
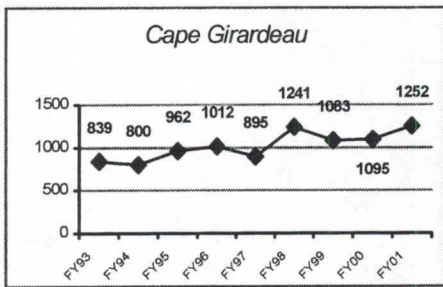
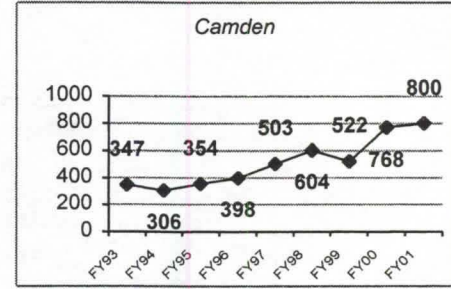
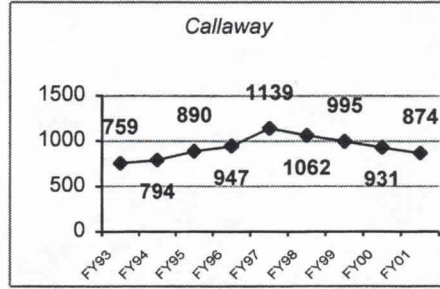
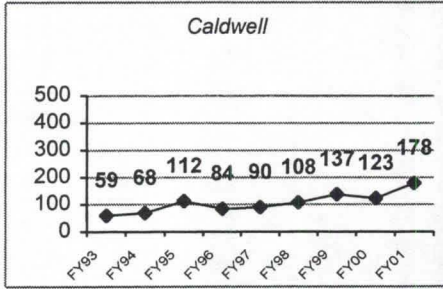
Felony Cases Closed	28,364 or 39.46% of the total caseload
Misdemeanor Cases Closed	22,229 or 30.92% of the total caseload
Probation Violation Cases Closed	6,926 or 23.54% of the total caseload
Juvenile Cases Closed	4,274 or 5.95% of the total caseload

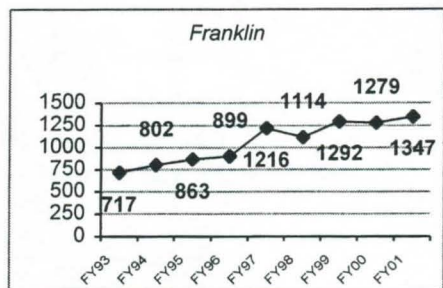
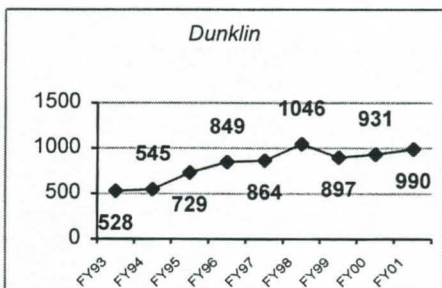
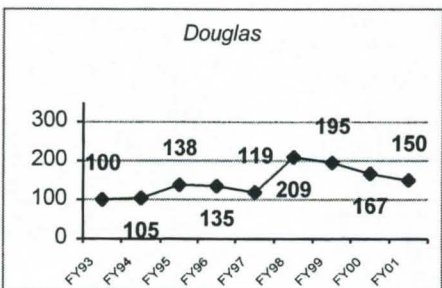
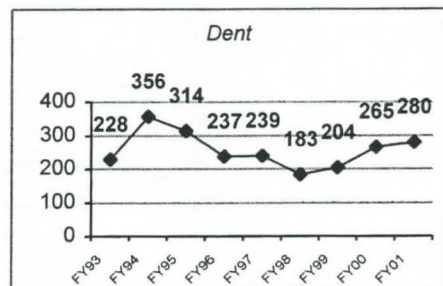
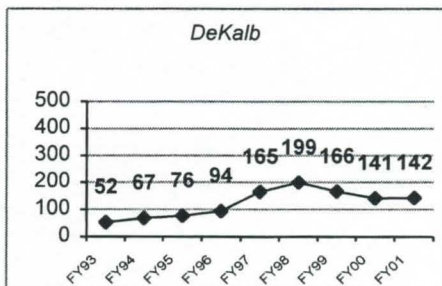
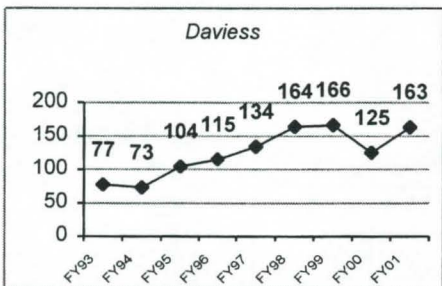
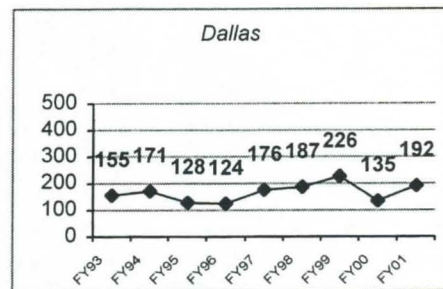
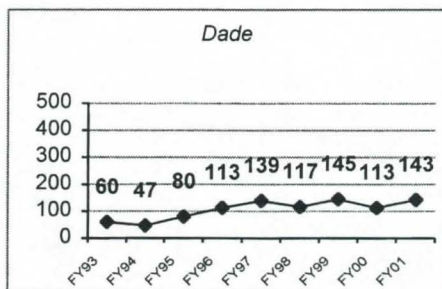
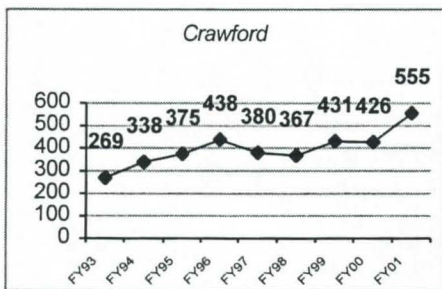
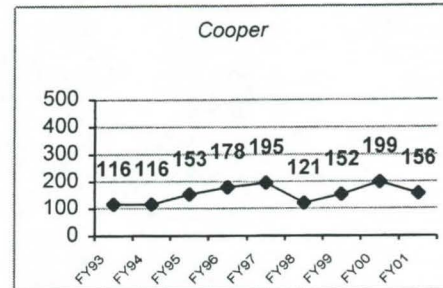
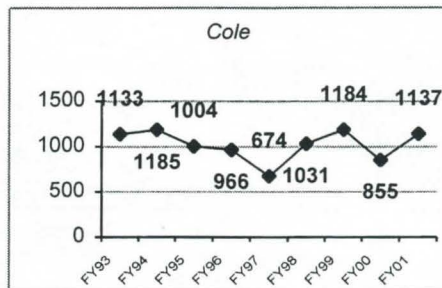
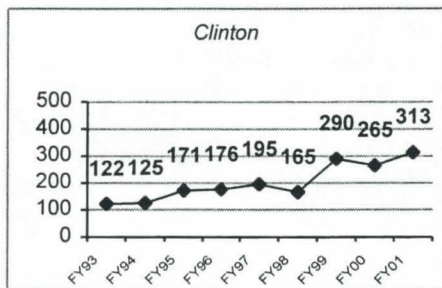
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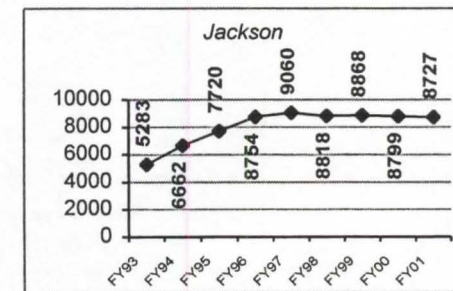
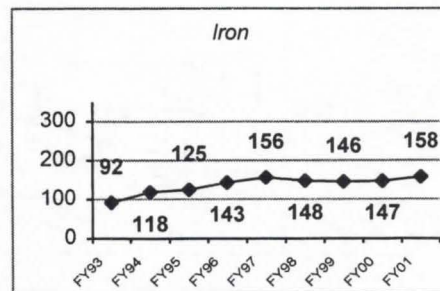
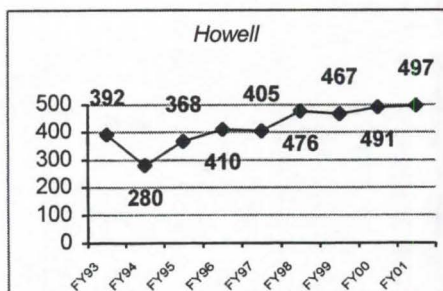
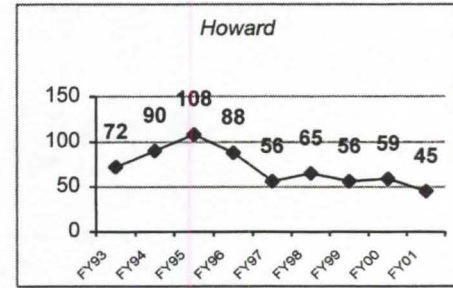
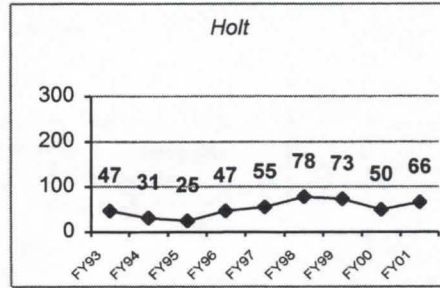
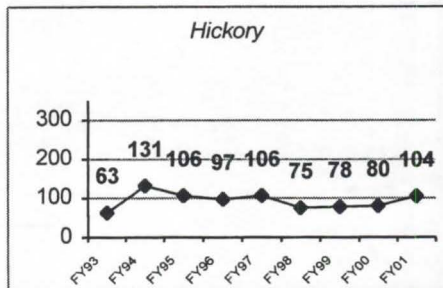
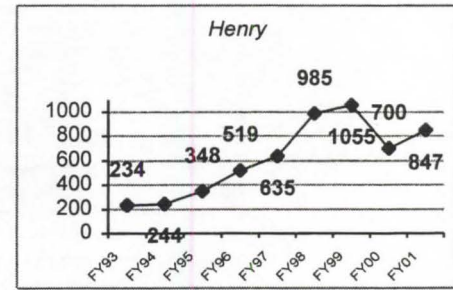
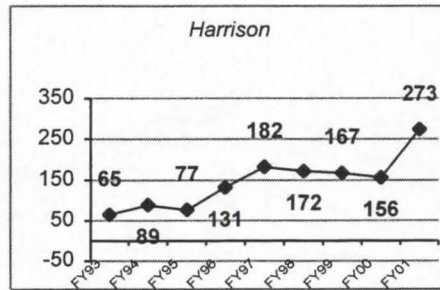
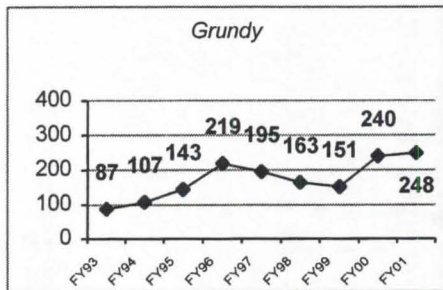
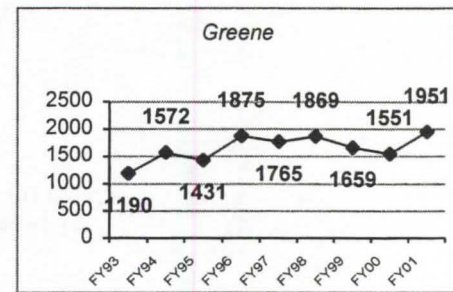
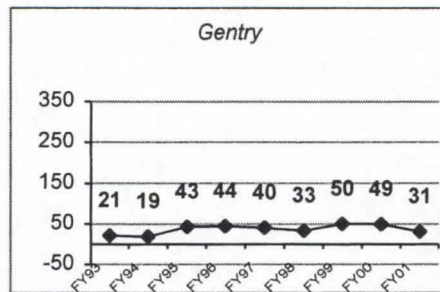
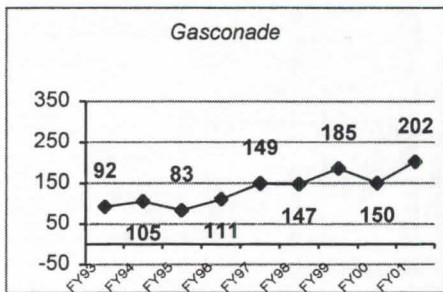
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Andrew	129	133	Daviess	135	163	Macon	367	320	Ray	361	342
Atchinson	91	86	DeKalb	175	142	Madison	116	121	Reynolds	35	53
Audrain	537	541	Dent	303	280	Maries	101	104	Ripley	189	202
Barry	748	731	Douglas	181	150	Marion	649	634	Saline	279	327
Barton	254	271	Dunklin	982	990	McDonald	301	140	Schuyler	44	49
Bates	296	290	Franklin	1,252	1,347	Mercer	67	65	Scotland	57	70
Benton	284	299	Gasconade	208	202	Miller	455	425	Scott	672	634
Bollinger	110	125	Gentry	36	31	Mississippi	407	458	Shannon	106	93
Boone	3,757	3,691	Greene	2,323	1,951	Moniteau	159	167	Shelby	204	173
Buchanan	2,109	2,205	Grundy	257	248	Monroe	86	86	Ste. Genevieve	184	181
Butler	969	1,020	Harrison	285	273	Montgomery	175	181	Stoddard	717	724
Caldwell	198	178	Henry	885	847	Morgan	268	271	Stone	465	450
Callaway	834	874	Hickory	97	104	New Madrid	439	446	St. Charles	1,498	1,447
Camden	809	800	Holt	72	66	Newton	1,057	652	St. Clair	182	175
Cape Girardeau	1,287	1,252	Howard	51	45	Nodaway	142	116	St. Francois	843	859
Carroll	184	186	Howell	540	497	Oregon	157	126	St. Louis City	8,441	8,444
Carter	58	56	Iron	191	158	Osage	60	83	St. Louis Co.	4,217	3,594
Cass	730	726	Jackson	9,232	8,727	Ozark	136	128	Sullivan	102	81
Cedar	279	263	Jasper	2,621	2,187	Pemiscot	580	612	Taney	595	619
Chariton	70	61	Jefferson	1,543	1,275	Perry	289	262	Texas	214	86
Christian	380	401	Johnson	376	405	Pettis	498	506	Vernon	510	528
Clark	172	171	Knox	38	33	Phelps	970	947	Warren	264	255
Clay	1,821	1,829	Laclede	701	682	Pike	299	299	Washington	448	410
Clinton	274	313	Lafayette	368	412	Platte	774	795	Wayne	292	258
Cole	1,066	1,137	Lawrence	590	569	Polk	292	305	Webster	216	231
Cooper	136	156	Lewis	133	135	Pulaski	490	436	Worth	35	36
Crawford	584	555	Lincoln	630	630	Putnam	130	113	Wright	251	206
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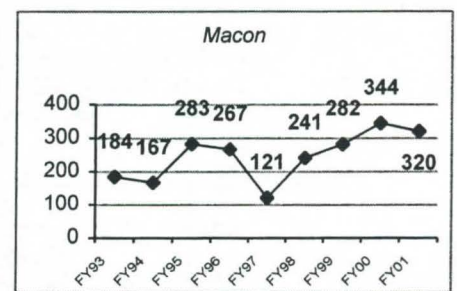
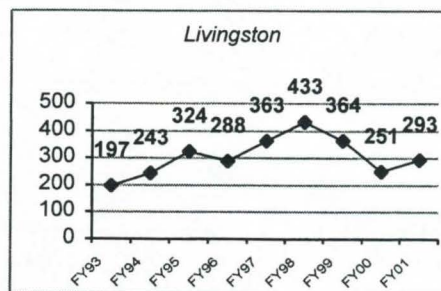
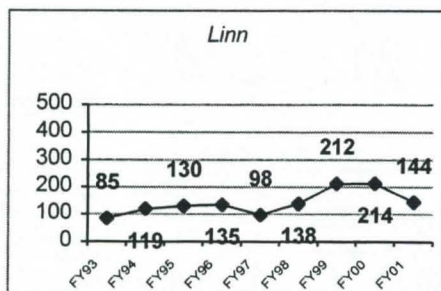
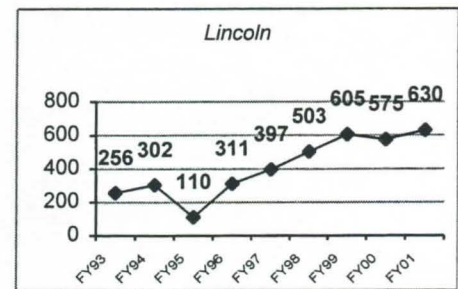
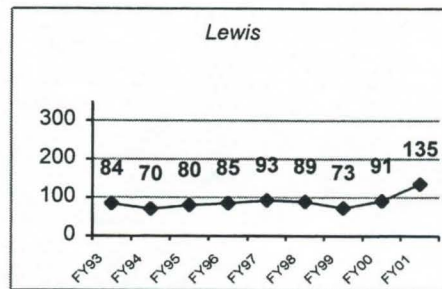
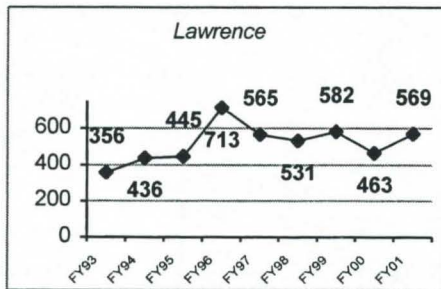
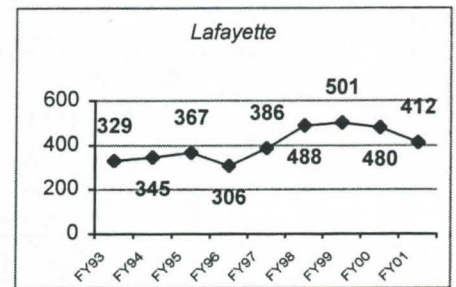
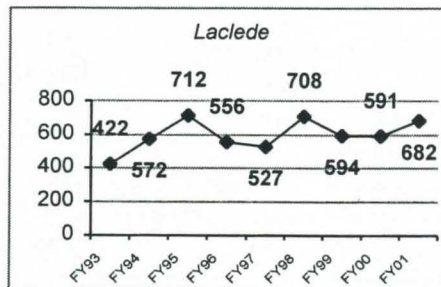
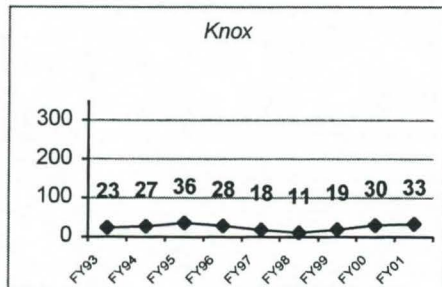
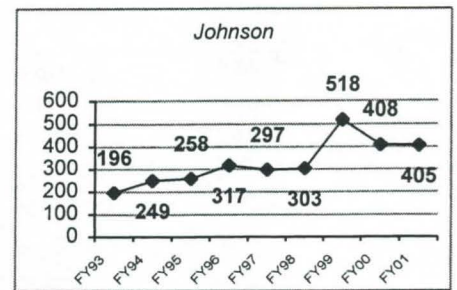
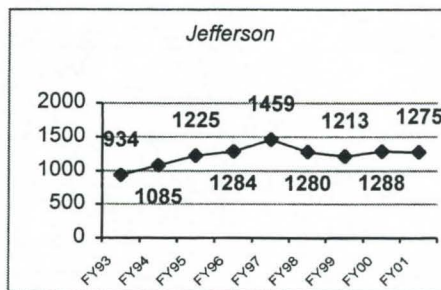
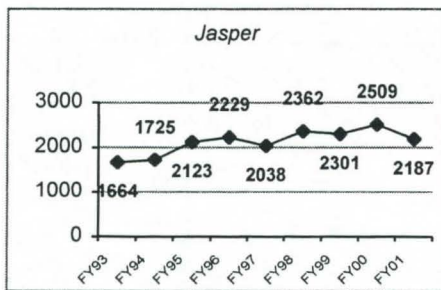
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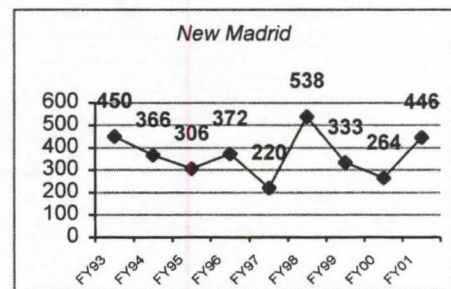
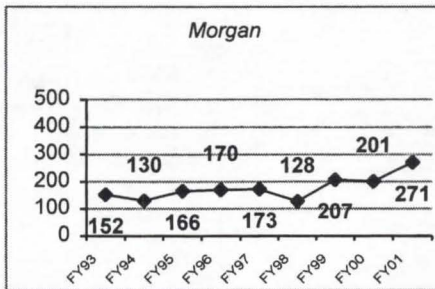
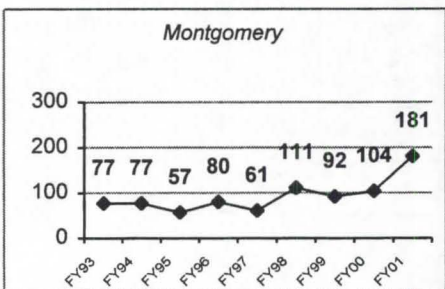
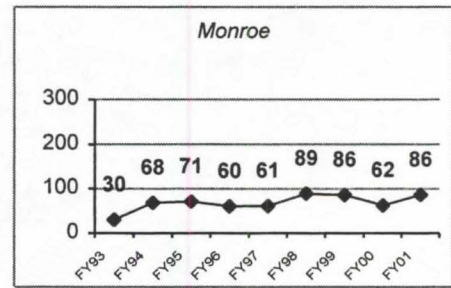
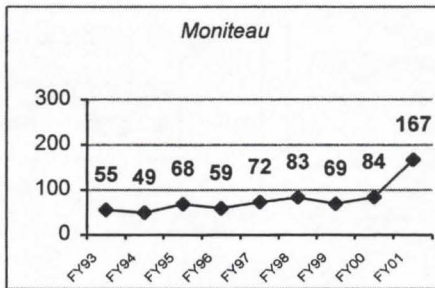
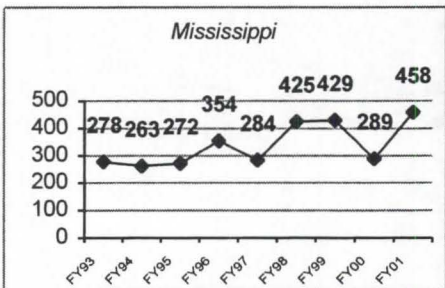
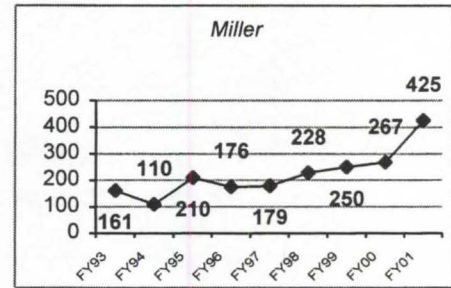
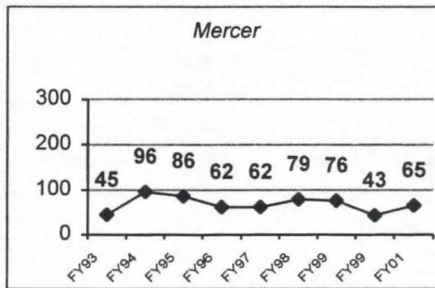
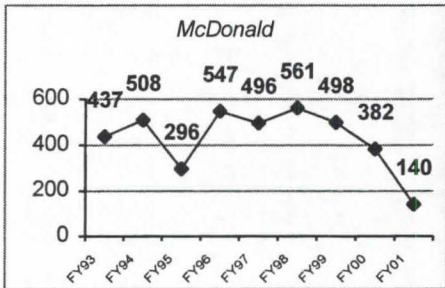
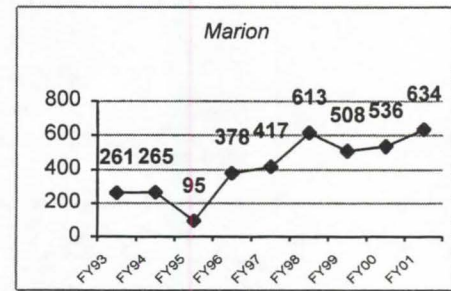
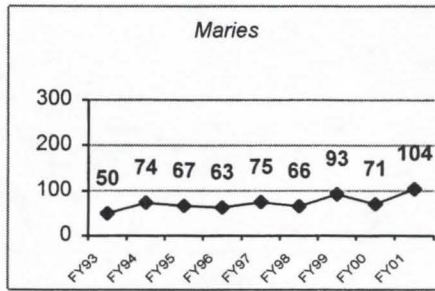
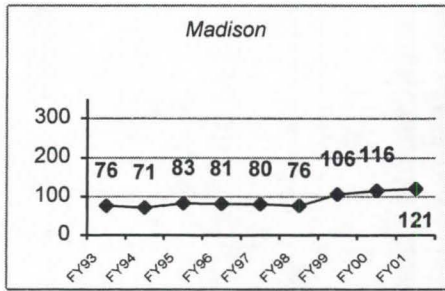


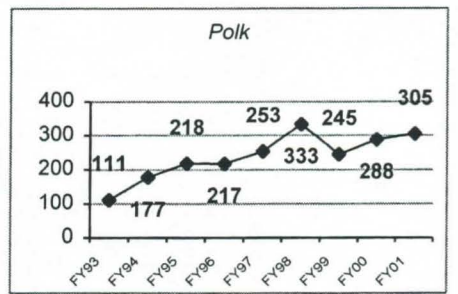
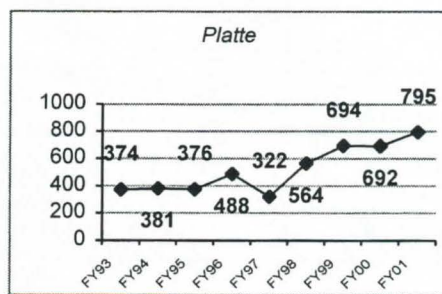
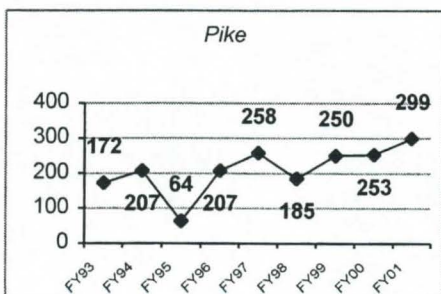
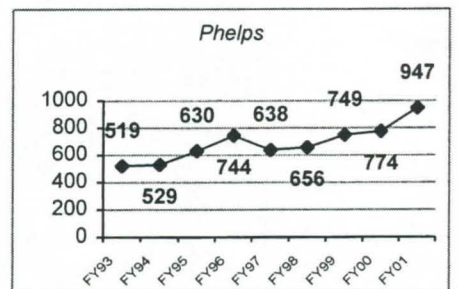
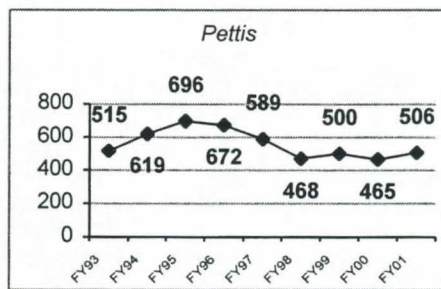
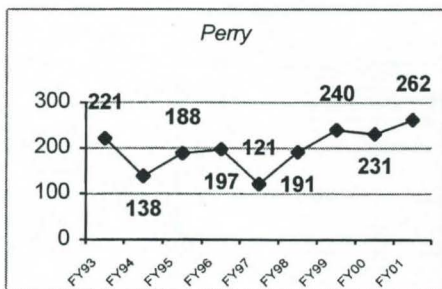
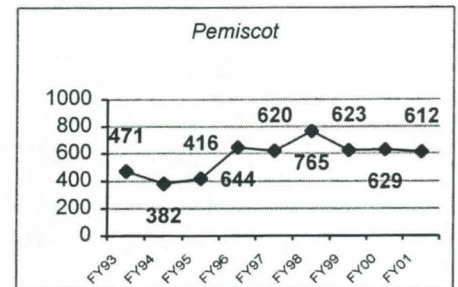
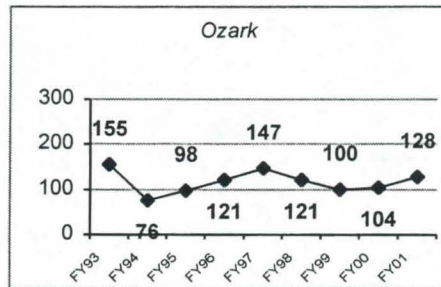
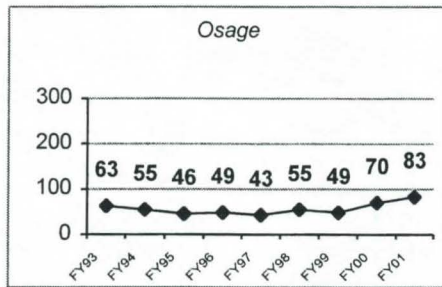
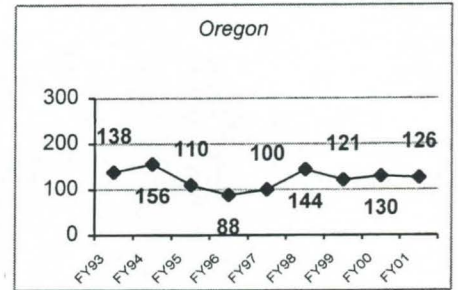
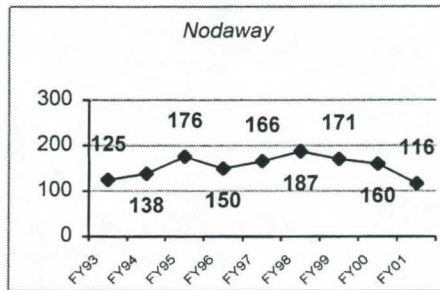
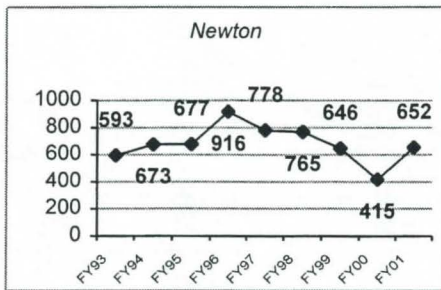


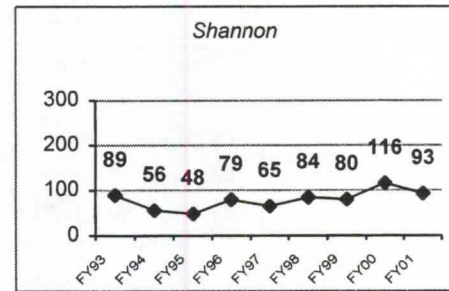
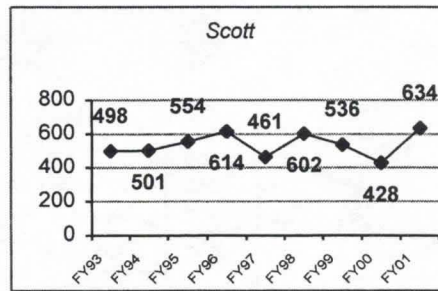
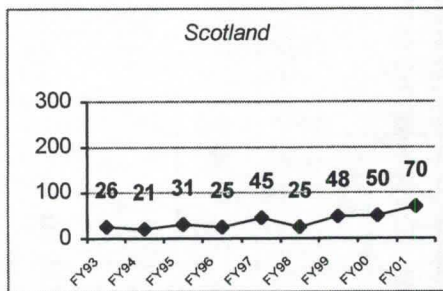
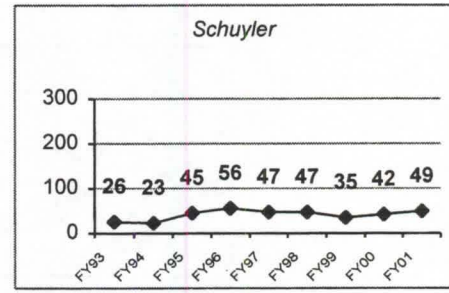
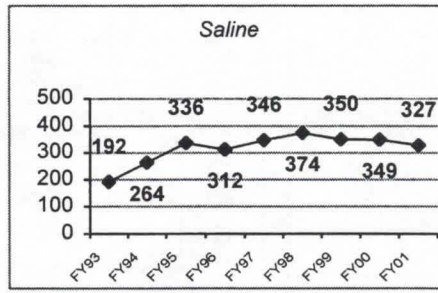
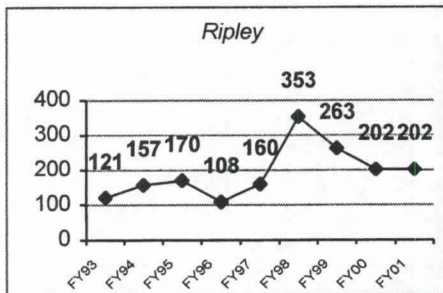
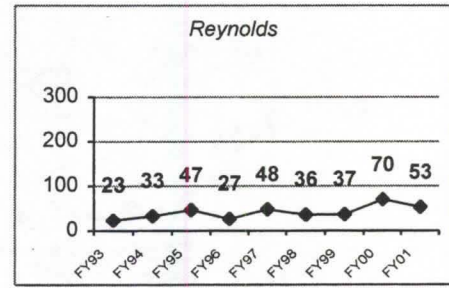
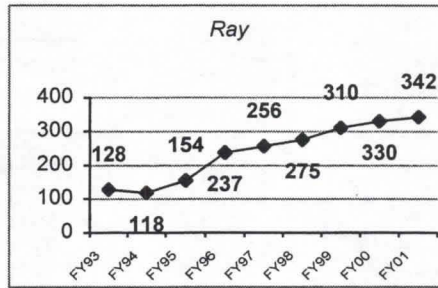
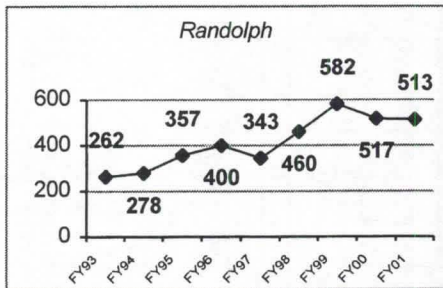
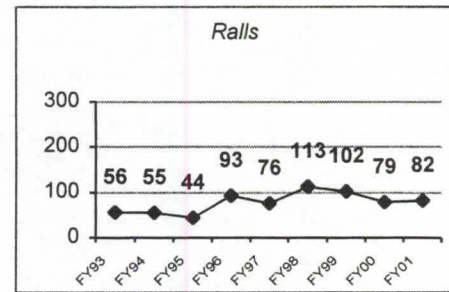
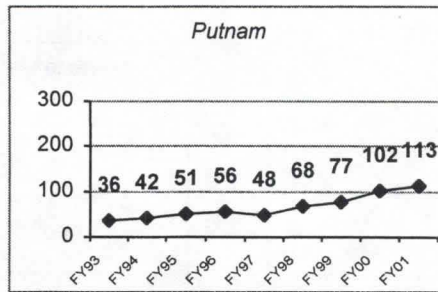
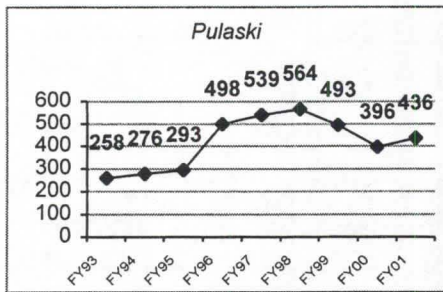


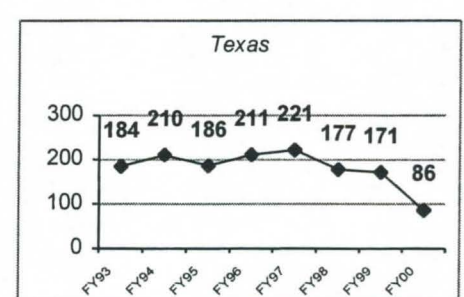
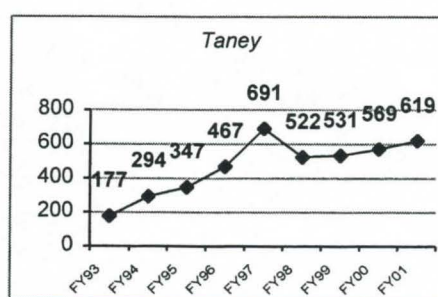
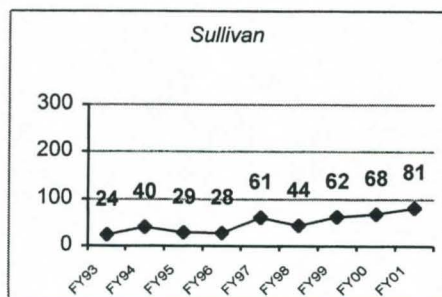
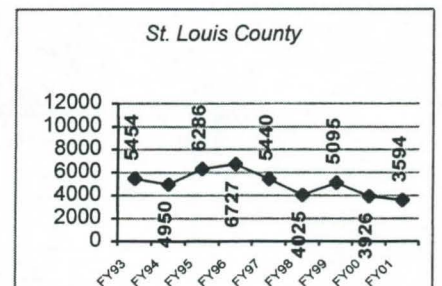
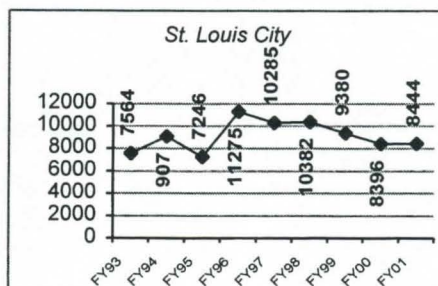
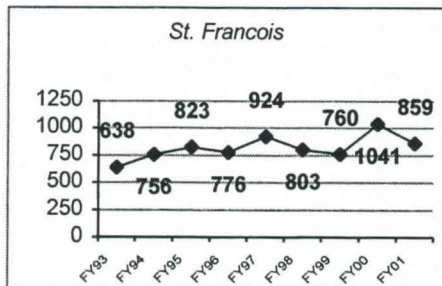
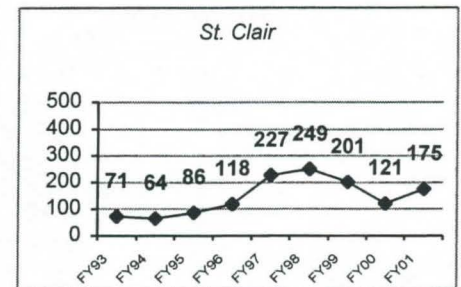
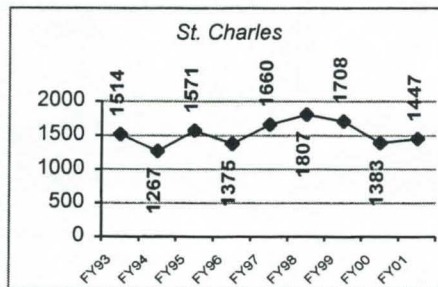
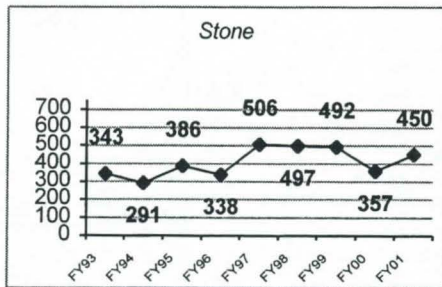
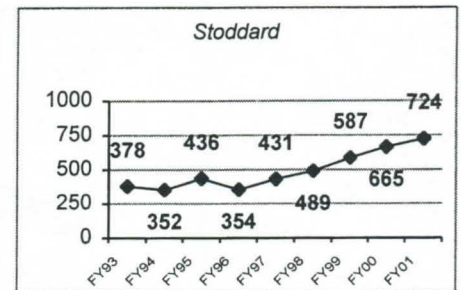
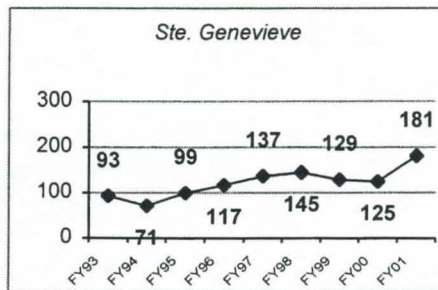
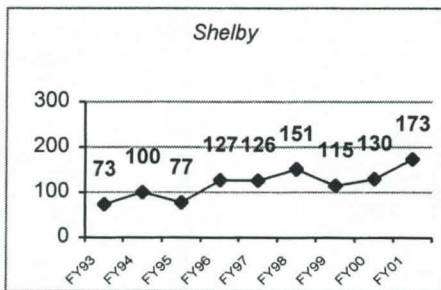


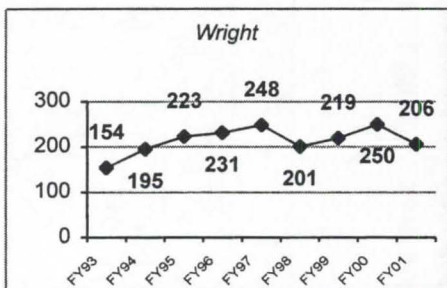
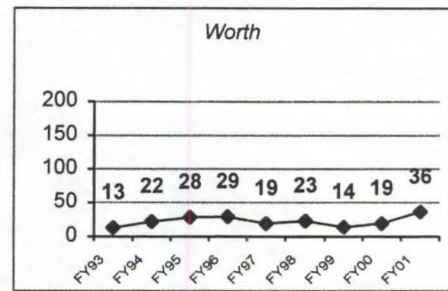
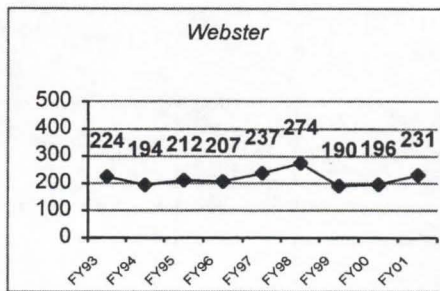
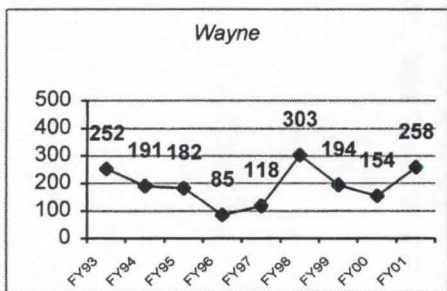
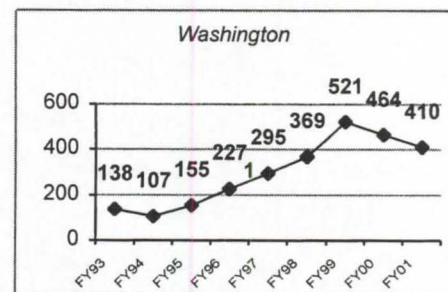
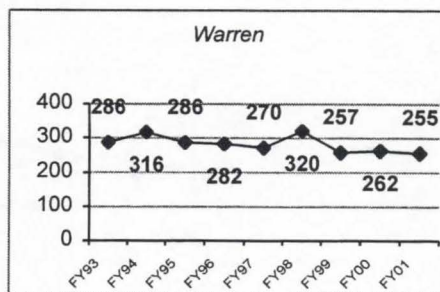
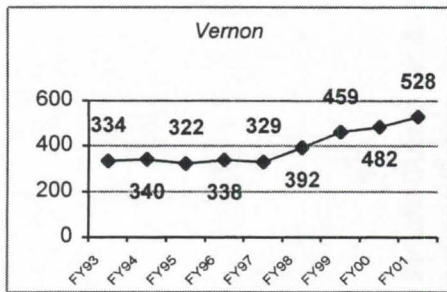




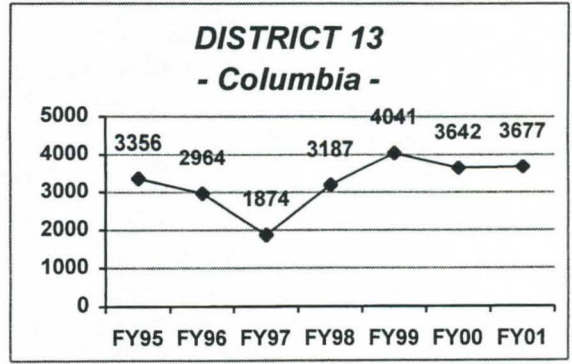
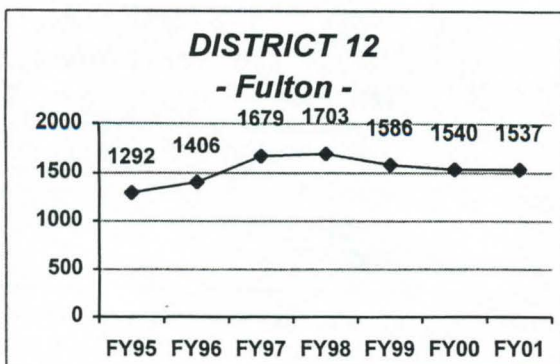
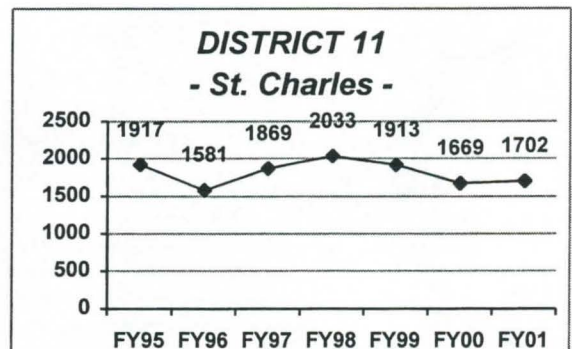
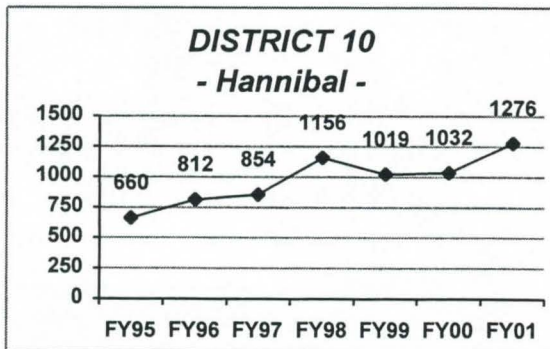
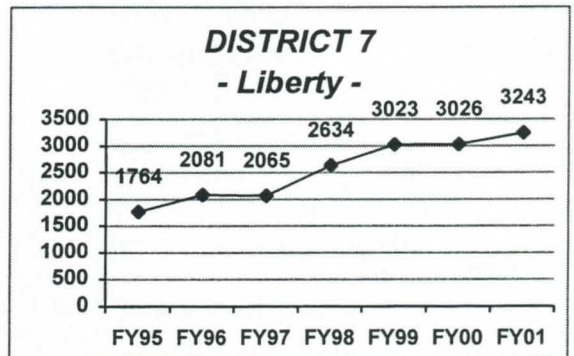
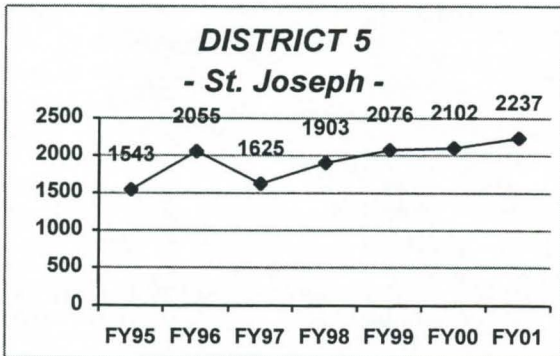
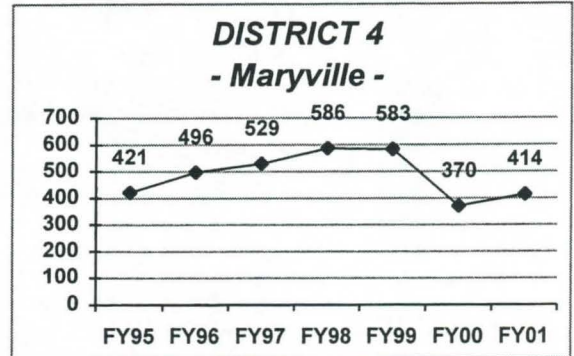
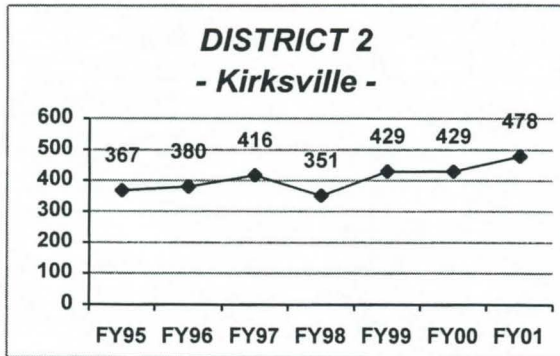


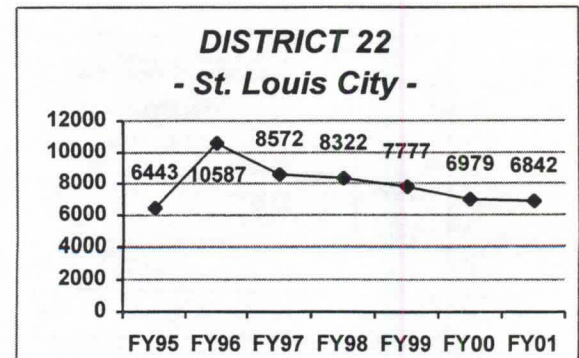
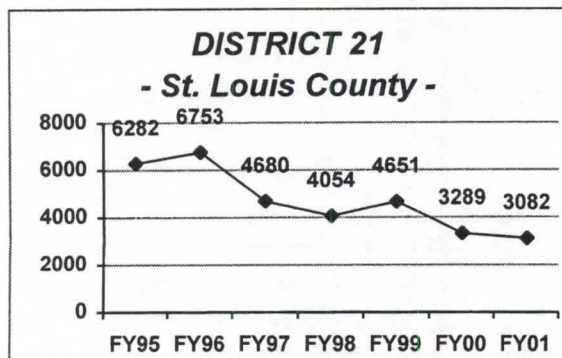
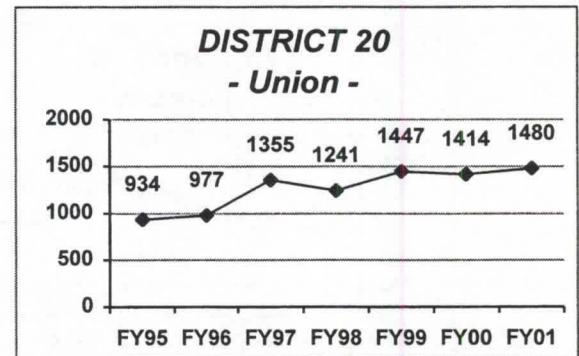
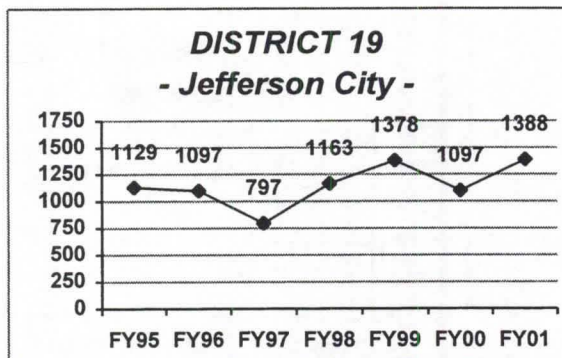
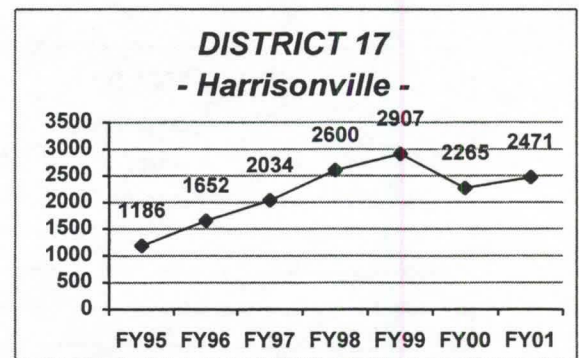
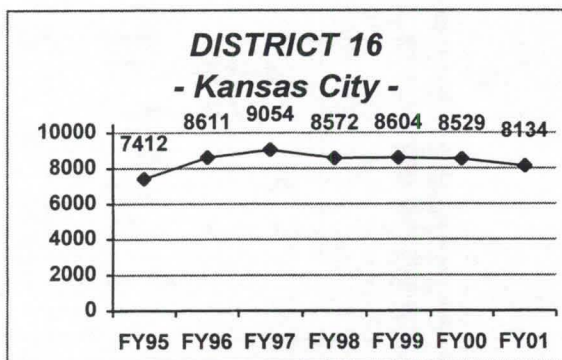
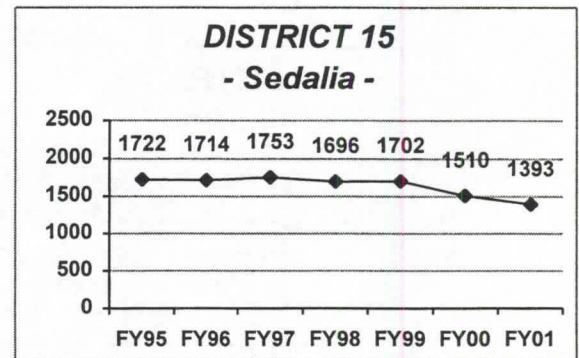
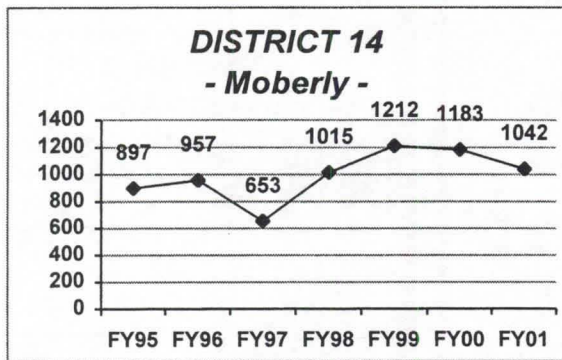


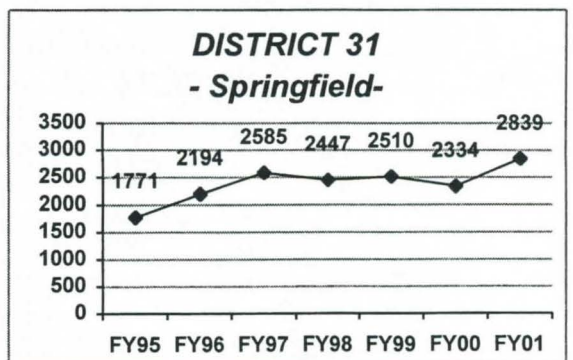
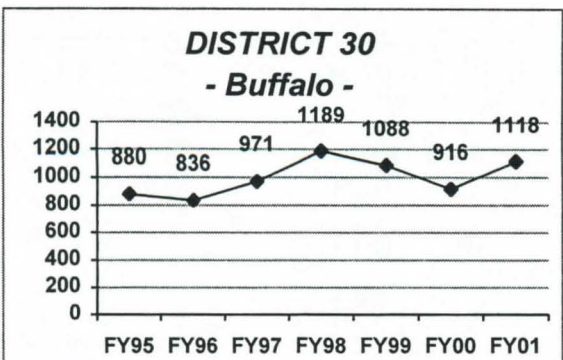
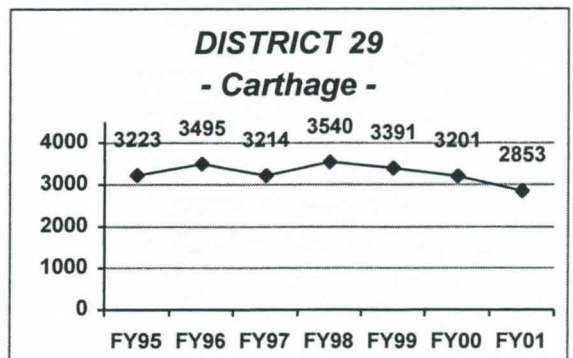
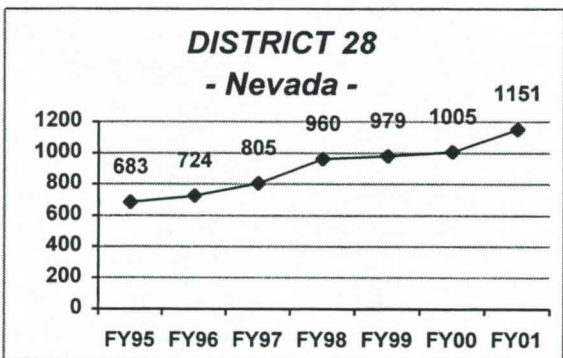
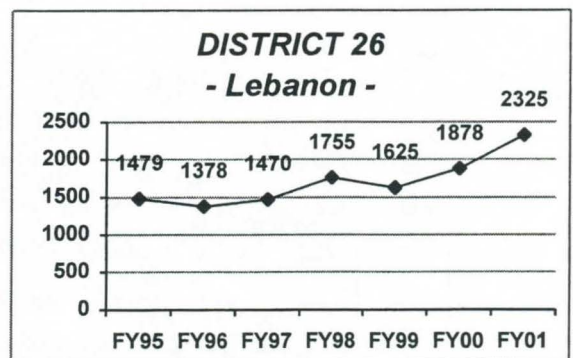
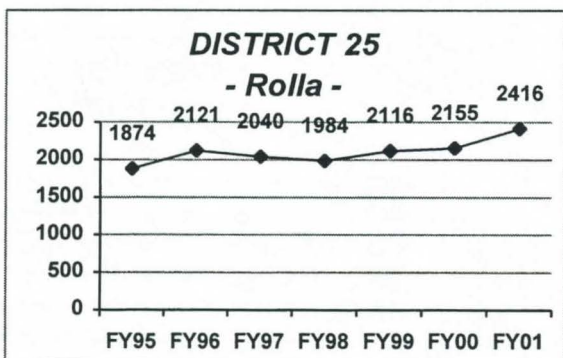
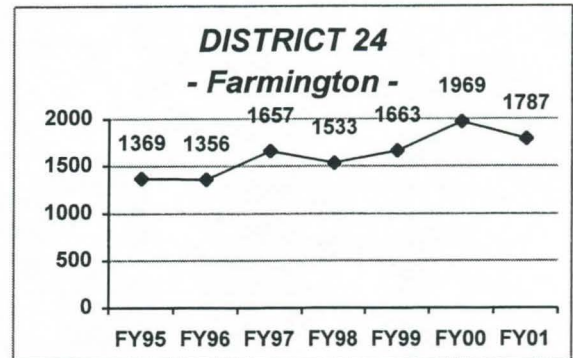
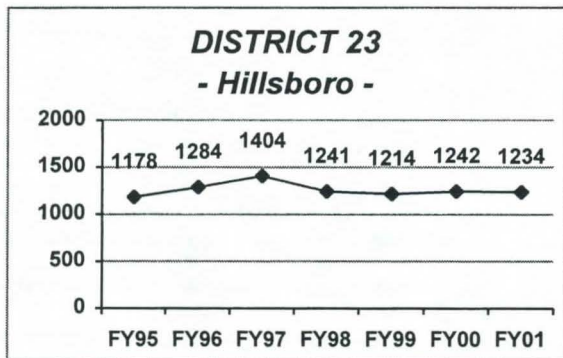




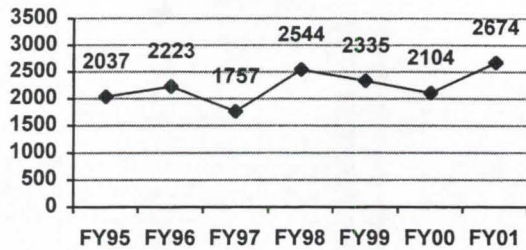
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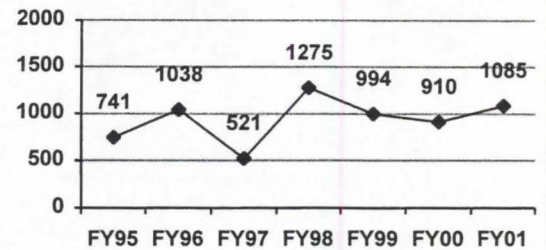




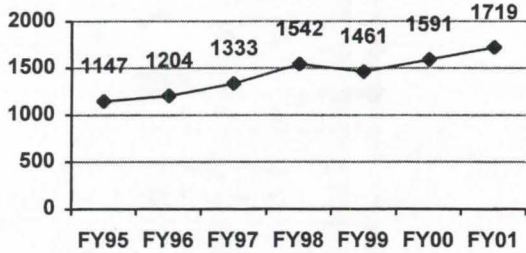
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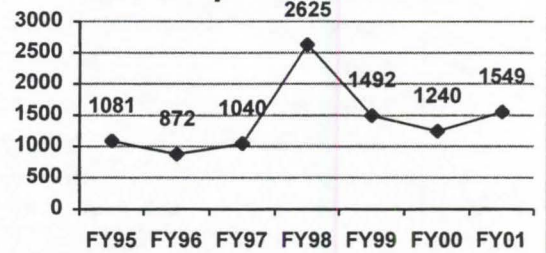
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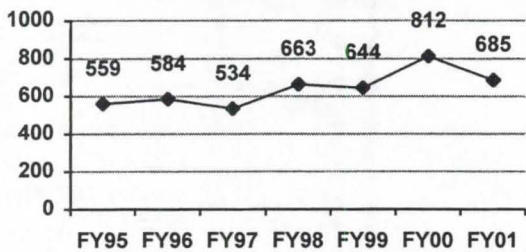
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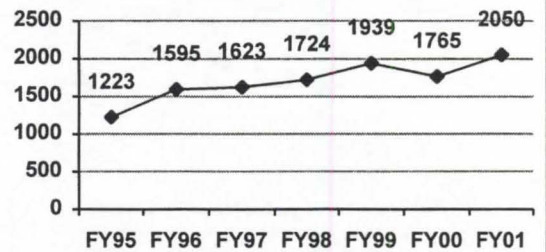
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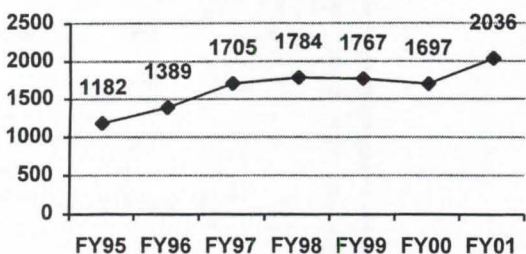
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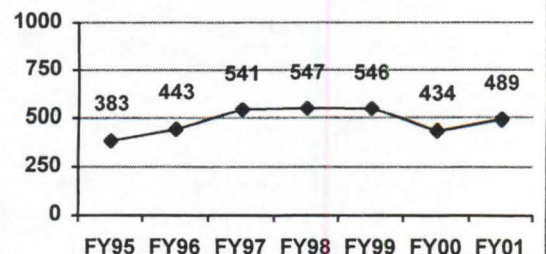
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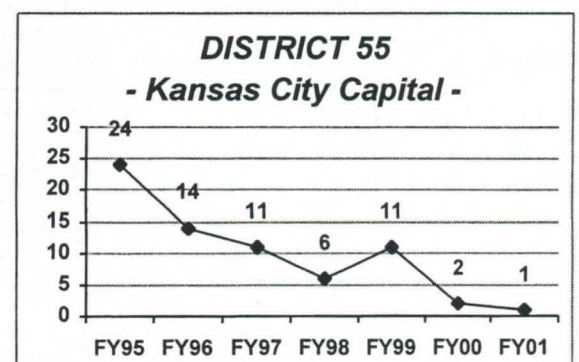
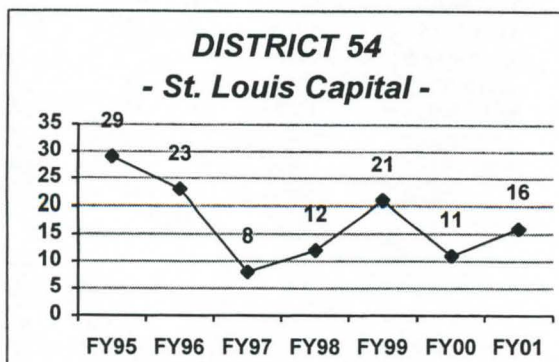
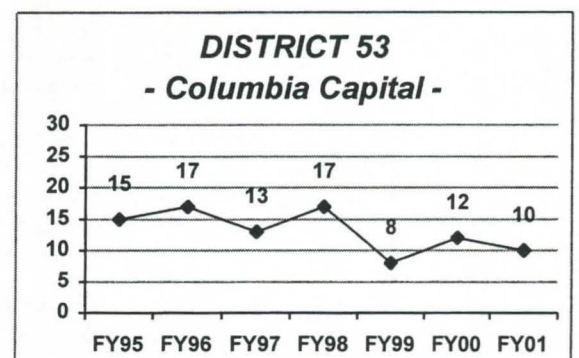
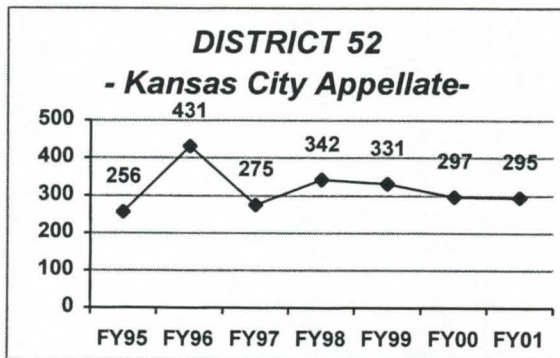
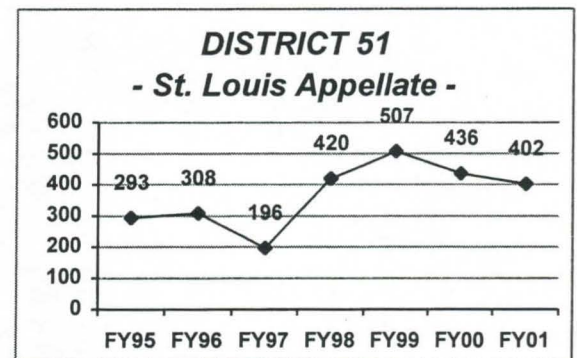
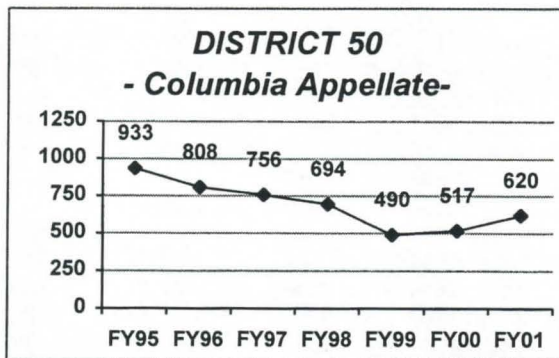
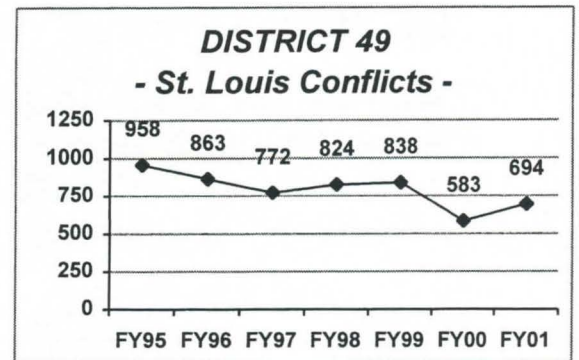
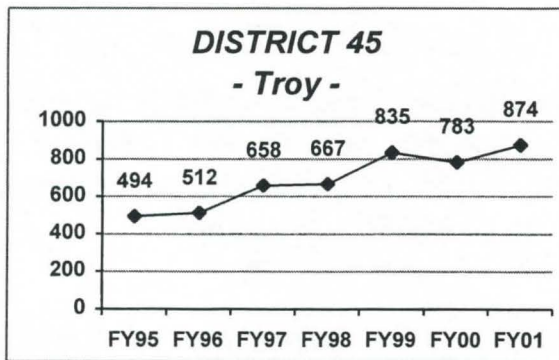


DISTRICT 43
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Cases Closed

Cost of Cases Closed

The direct cost, on average, of all cases disposed by to the State Public Defender System (including Death Penalty Representation) in Fiscal Year 2001 was \$290.98. The Trial Division average was \$214.22. These both compare very favorably to the last computed average under the old appointed counsel system of \$390 per case in 1981.

FISCAL YEAR 2001 - TRIAL DIVISION COSTS PER CASE

District	Location	Current District Defender	Total Costs For District	FY01 Cases Assigned	Cost Per Assignment	FY01 Cases Disposed	Cost Per Disposition
1	Juvenile	Trish Harrison	\$547,290.50	1,657	\$330.29	1,587	\$344.86
2	Kirksville	Brendan Maturen	\$169,948.77	477	\$356.29	478	\$355.54
4	Maryville	Jeff Stephens	\$177,764.56	509	\$349.24	414	\$429.38
5	St. Joseph	Anthony Cardarella	\$403,330.50	2,100	\$192.06	2,237	\$180.30
6	Kansas City Juvenile	Mary Bellm	\$54,908.52	406	\$135.24	326	\$168.43
7	Liberty	Katherine Ladesh	\$621,046.06	3,119	\$199.12	3,243	\$191.50
10	Hannibal	Raymond Legg	\$254,703.54	1,318	\$193.25	1,276	\$199.61
11	St. Charles	Christine Sullivan	\$444,386.94	1,769	\$251.21	1,702	\$261.10
12	Fulton	Michael Hamilton	\$353,339.02	1,492	\$236.82	1,537	\$229.89
13	Columbia	Gerald Mueller	\$520,845.24	3,753	\$138.78	3,677	\$141.65
14	Moberly	Thomas Marshall	\$270,953.21	1,112	\$243.66	1,042	\$260.03
15	Sedalia	Kathleen Brown	\$327,901.51	1,275	\$257.18	1,393	\$235.39
16	Kansas City	Joel Elmer	\$1,810,819.25	8,574	\$211.20	8,134	\$222.62
17	Harrisonville	Jeffrey Martin	\$399,665.89	2,526	\$158.22	2,471	\$161.74
19	Jefferson City	Jan King	\$236,017.99	1,300	\$181.55	1,388	\$170.04
20	Union	Lisa Preddy	\$240,505.47	1,366	\$176.07	1,480	\$162.50
21	St. Louis County	Shawn Goulet	\$1,356,042.16	3,606	\$376.05	3,082	\$439.99
22	St. Louis City	Jerry Montgomery	\$1,595,518.59	6,954	\$229.44	6,842	\$233.19
23	Hillsboro	Lisa Clover	\$243,891.08	1,523	\$160.14	1,234	\$197.64
24	Farmington	Wayne Williams	\$353,505.09	1,808	\$195.52	1,787	\$197.82
25	Rolla	Charles Hoskins	\$352,481.52	2,679	\$131.57	2,416	\$145.89
26	Lebanon	Kimberly Benjamin	\$390,458.41	2,340	\$166.86	2,325	\$167.94
28	Nevada	Joe Zuzul	\$214,440.51	1,131	\$189.60	1,151	\$186.31
29	Joplin	Larry Maples	\$596,677.45	3,882	\$153.70	2,853	\$209.14
30	Buffalo	Dewayne Perry	\$271,694.74	1,083	\$250.87	1,118	\$243.02
31	Springfield	Kenton Hall	\$543,159.83	3,094	\$175.55	2,839	\$191.32
32	Jackson	Christopher Davis	\$498,261.61	2,703	\$184.34	2,674	\$186.34
34	Caruthersville	Michael Skrien	\$248,864.52	1,035	\$240.45	1,085	\$229.37
35	Kennett	Catherine Rice	\$260,537.82	1,699	\$153.35	1,719	\$151.56
36	Poplar Bluff	Wade Schuster	\$324,472.05	1,527	\$212.49	1,549	\$209.47
37	West Plains	Donna Anthony	\$241,199.87	768	\$314.06	685	\$352.12
39	Monnett	Victor Head	\$532,099.16	2,151	\$247.37	2,050	\$259.56
43	Chillicothe	David Miller	\$341,302.08	2,090	\$163.30	2,036	\$167.63
44	Ava	Susan Faust	\$188,662.90	568	\$332.15	489	\$385.81
45	Troy	Brian Zink	\$234,558.83	881	\$266.24	874	\$268.37
49	St. Louis Conflicts	Robert Steele	\$426,318.46	638	\$668.21	694	\$614.29

*District 49 handles a combination of trial and appellate cases.

FISCAL YEAR 2001 - APPELLATE DIVISION COSTS PER CASE

District	Location	Current District Defender	Total Costs For District	FY01 Cases Assigned	Cost Per Assignment	FY01 Cases Disposed	Cost Per Disposition
50	Columbia Appellate	Ellen Flottman	\$727,996.71	248	\$2,935.47	312	\$2,333.32
51	St. Louis Appellate	Douglas Hoff	\$534,111.34	222	\$2,405.91	221	\$2,416.79
52	Kansas City Appellate	Susan Hogan	\$458,353.15	184	\$2,491.05	157	\$2,919.45
67	PCR Central A	Steve Harris	\$724,006.73	350	\$2,068.59	308	\$2,350.67
68	Appellate/PCR Eastern B	Renee Robinson	\$525,439.91	189	\$2,780.11	181	\$2,902.98
69	Appellate/PCR Western B	Andrew Schroeder	\$231,323.72	184	\$1,257.19	138	\$1,676.26

FISCAL YEAR 2001 - CAPITAL DIVISION COSTS PER CASE

District	Location	Current District Defender	Total Costs For District	FY01 Cases Assigned	Cost Per Assignment	FY01 Cases Disposed	Cost Per Disposition
53	Columbia Capital	Jan Zembles	\$1,059,909.94	11	\$96,355.45	10	\$105,990.99
54	St. Louis Capital	Robert Wolfrum	\$1,116,612.28	16	\$69,788.27	16	\$69,788.27
55	Kansas City Capital	Cynthia Short	\$782,212.96	2	\$391,106.48	1	\$782,212.96

FIRST REGULAR SESSION
TRULY AGREED TO AND FINALLY PASSED

HOUSE BILL NO. 12
91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

FY2002

Section 12.300. To the Office of State Public Defender

For the purpose of funding the State Public Defender System

Personal Service	0911/95123	\$22,024,481
Expense and Equipment	0912/95124	\$5,724,591

For payment of expenses as provided by Chapter 600, RSMo.
associated with the defense of violent crimes
and/or the defense of cases where a conflict of interest
exists 8727/67095

\$2,059,850

From General Revenue Fund

\$29,808,922

For expenses authorized by the Public Defender Commission as
provided by Section 600.090, RSMo.

Personal Service	0951/72823	\$57,178
Expense and Equipment	7673/63783	\$1,157,356

From Legal Defense and Defender Fund

\$1,214,534

For refunds set-off against debts as required by
Section 143.786, RSMo.

From Debt Offset Escrow Fund 0753/3023/80023

\$350,000E

For all grants and contributions of funds from the federal
government or from any other source which may be deposited
in the State Treasury for the use of the Office of the State
Public Defender

From Federal Funds 4006/90254

\$125,000

Total (Not to exceed 558.13 F.T.E.)

\$31,498,456

Case Activity

In addition to the number of cases, the disposition of those cases once in the court system has a dramatic impact on the workload of Missouri's Public Defenders. Although, the smallest in number, cases going to trial place the highest demand on an attorney's time. Several hours of pretrial preparation, hearings and motions are required for each hour actually spent in trial. Many cases do not require a trial for disposition but are disposed of only after a court hearing before the judge. These cases can include juvenile hearings, probation revocations hearings and preliminary hearings which also require considerable research and preparation before the actual court appearance.

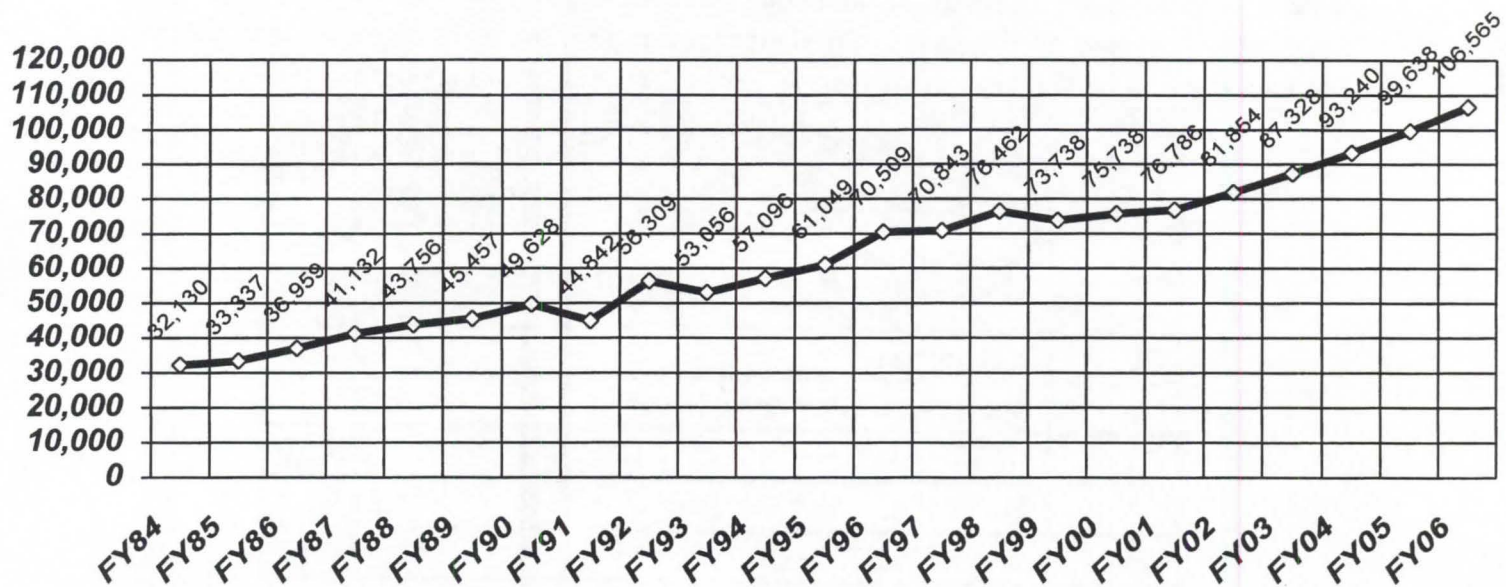
Other dispositions, such as guilty pleas, dismissals and withdrawals, also place a crushing time burden on Missouri's Public Defenders. Some individual cases may require very little attorney time before the case is disposed of by plea or other disposition. Some cases require considerable preparation, investigation and negotiation before the case can be disposed of by plea or dismissal. In either event, the sheer volume of cases places an extreme demand on the time of Missouri's Public Defenders and support staff.

FY2001 Trial Division Closed Cases by Disposition Type		
	Description	# of Cases
01	Withdrawn	7,389
02	Dismissed/Withdrawn	10,613
03	NGRI	35
04	Guilty Plea	32,369
05	Court Trial	414
06	Jury Trial	397
10	Juvenile Hearing	1,940
11	Certification Hearing	58
12	Juvenile Informal Hearing	200
15	PCR No Hearing & PCR Hearings	2
20	Chapter 552	61
25	Probation Violation Hearing	14,087
30	Granted and Denied Writs	21
35	Appeal Decision	14
41	Conflict Transfer	2,509
42	Conflict Assignment	463
50	Capias Warrant > than 1 year	1,315
	Total Trial Division Closed Cases	71,887

Caseload Increase

An analysis of the caseload of the State Public Defender System shows a continued increase. In FY2001, the State Public Defender System handled 76,786 newly assigned cases. The projection for FY2002 is 81,854 and for FY2003 is 87,328. By Fiscal Year 2006, it is projected that the State Public Defender System will be responsible for representation in over 106,565 criminal cases.

Public Defender Caseload Analysis



August 2001

Missouri State Public Defender System

	Murder 1st	Other Homicide	Murder + Felony Felony Caseload	Misdemeanor	Juvenile	PCR	Other	Probation Violations	Appeals	Total Assigned	Total Disposed	Disposed/ Assigned Ratio	
FY06 PROJECTION	199	190	37,140	37,529	31,241	5,162	954	56	30,760	863	106,565	94,976	0.8912
FY05 PROJECTION	196	174	35,572	35,942	29,360	5,019	900	60	27,530	827	99,638	90,214	0.9054
FY04 PROJECTION	192	160	34,070	34,422	27,592	4,881	848	65	24,639	793	93,240	85,691	0.9190
FY03 PROJECTION	189	148	32,631	32,968	25,931	4,748	800	70	22,051	760	87,328	81,395	0.9321
FY02 PROJECTION	185	136	31,254	31,575	24,370	4,615	754	76	19,736	728	81,854	77,314	0.9445
FY01 ACTUAL	182	125	29,934	30,241	22,903	4,488	711	82	17,663	698	76,786	73,438	0.9564
FY00 ACTUAL	147	109	28,019	28,275	24,119	4,998	763	76	16,768	739	75,738	69,591	0.9188
FY99 ACTUAL	182	108	28,892	29,182	23,721	4,629	797	112	14,488	809	73,738	74,570	1.0113
FY98 ACTUAL	196	87	31,591	31,874	24,676	4,270	674	138	14,141	689	76,462	74,495	0.9743
FY97 ACTUAL	169	79	29,663	29,911	21,912	4,075	513	156	13,437	839	70,843	67,870	0.9580
FY96 ACTUAL	175	88	30,198	30,461	23,069	3,612	707	178	11,444	1,038	70,509	70,664	1.0022
FY95 ACTUAL	256	109	27,688	28,053	17,696	3,916	719	165	9,362	1,138	61,049	61,710	1.0108
FY94 ACTUAL	255	152	25,338	25,745	17,852	3,374	682	201	8,225	1,017	57,096	52,453	0.9187
FY93 ACTUAL	301	136	24,402	24,839	15,883	3,146	766	249	7,301	872	53,056	52,363	0.9869
FY92 ACTUAL	282	37	25,458	25,777	19,974	3,372	1,129	167	5,321	569	56,309	55,651	0.9883
FY91 ACTUAL	193	63	21,304	21,560	13,941	2,713	588	169	5,051	820	44,842	49,038	1.0936
FY90 ACTUAL	227	109	23,336	23,672	14,627	3,300	732	369	5,834	1,094	49,628	46,425	0.9355
FY89 ACTUAL	193	149	20,838	21,180	12,902	3,298	1,342	418	5,074	1,243	45,457	42,532	0.9357
FY88 ACTUAL	202	161	20,640	21,003	12,427	3,455	1,006	470	4,475	920	43,756	40,117	0.9168
FY87 ACTUAL	199	145	19,254	19,598	11,736	3,564	755	443	4,308	728	41,132	37,081	0.9015
FY86 ACTUAL	166	175	17,042	17,383	10,602	3,328	612	611	3,815	608	36,959	34,491	0.9332
FY85 ACTUAL	152	172	15,397	15,721	9,126	3,500	543	522	3,293	632	33,337	32,410	0.9722
FY84 ACTUAL	176	175	15,048	15,399	9,256	3,058	534	499	2,878	506	32,130	31,730	0.9876

OFFICE SPACE

When the Missouri State Public Defender System was established, the burden and expense of office space and utility services for local public defender offices was placed on the counties served by that office. That burden remains today in the form of RSMo. 600.040.1 which reads:

The city or county shall provide office space and utility services, other than telephone service, for the circuit or regional public defender and his personnel. If there is more than one county in a circuit or region, each county shall contribute, on the basis of population, its pro rata share of the costs of office space and utility services, other than telephone service. The state shall pay, within the limits of the appropriation therefore, all other expenses and costs of the state public defender system authorized under this chapter.

Some county governments have objected to and resent being required to pay for office space for a Department of State Government. When the Missouri State Public Defender System was first established and RSMo. 600.040.1 was first enacted, public defender services in most areas of the state were provided through private attorneys who contracted with Missouri's Public Defender System to provide such services. Since private contract counsel provided services from their private offices, county governments did not have to provide office space and utilities.

In 1989, a major reorganization of the state public defender system did away with the private contract counsel system. In fiscal years 1990 and 1991, the Missouri State Public Defender System greatly expanded its number of local offices and replaced the previous contract system in its entirety. Although this reorganization greatly changed the number of local offices, the manner of funding office rent and utilities for these offices was not changed.

In 1997, the legislature responded to the refusal of some counties to provide or pay for Public Defender office space. Language was added to House Bill 5, allowing for the interception of prisoner per diem payments to counties failing to meet their obligations under 600.040. The state has intercepted some money intended for counties that scoffed at their obligation, however, the interceptions and threat of interceptions have put great strain on state-county relations.

In 1999, the legislature once again addressed the problem of providing Public Defender office space. A new section, (RSMo. 600.101), was added which allows disputes between counties and the State Public Defender to be submitted to the Judicial Finance Commission (RSMo. 477.600). Section 600.101 also calls for a study and report from the

Judicial Resources Commission to be prepared for the chairs of the House and Senate Judiciary Committees, Senate Appropriations Committee, and House Budget Committee.

Today, some county governments provide public defender office space in county courthouses or other county facilities, some counties rent office space and pay their pro rata share of that rent as required by statute. Some counties, strapped for office space for their own county officials, provide woefully inadequate space in county facilities. Some county governments provide no office space at all and refuse to provide rented office space outside county facilities.

Disputes between counties and the Department of State Public Defender have expanded beyond the statutory obligation. Disputes have not only concerned whether or not office space will be provided at all, they have included *where* and *what* space will be provided.

Either because of economic necessity or in passive resistance to their obligation, some counties house the Public Defender in woefully inadequate facilities. Public Defenders have endured the indignities of insect infestation, lack of privacy, leaky roofs, and cramped quarters, to name a few.

Counties simply have no interest in the adequacy of the Public Defender facilities, especially when they don't want to provide space at all. The State Public Defender is not interested in securing fancy, luxurious offices. It's interest is to have facilities adequate to ensure efficient, effective use of personnel and other resources appropriated to the Department. Most Public Defender districts are multi-county. Since the current statute requires each county to pay their pro rata share, inter-county cooperation is essential. It is not always forthcoming.

Although establishment of Public Defender offices is the authority of the State Public Defender Commission, (RSMo. 600.023), counties have sought to provide office space at the location of their choice; typically their own county. They have refused to pay their pro rata share to the host county when they are unhappy with the office location. On at least one occasion, these county disputes have risen to the point of lawsuits being filed.

The State Public Defender Commission is interested in locating offices in multi-county Districts where they will be the most effective and efficient use of state resources. Counties do not share that interest, preferring the office to be located where it will cost the least and have the most positive economic impact on their local economy, efficiency and the desires of other counties and the State Public Defender notwithstanding.

The current statutory scheme requires counties to cooperate with each other, and with this Department, to provide office space for a Department of State Government. They do so under the threat of prisoner per diem interceptions. It is a formula for conflict between the State Public Defender and counties, as well as between counties of multi-county districts.

The problem is sure to get worse in the future. Projecting a conservative 8% increase in caseload, Missouri's Public Defender System will handle over 100,000 cases by 2006. Moreover, a five year trend shows public defender caseload is decreasing in city offices, while it is up sharply in nearly all multi-county districts. More cases will mean more personnel. Under the current statute, Missouri's Public Defender Commission is unable to establish and/or expand offices as needed, where needed.

In summary, the physical plant of local public defender offices varies greatly, depending upon the ability and/or willingness of local county governments to provide office space. Some public defender offices have adequate space, which greatly enhances their efficiency. Other offices have woefully inadequate space and their ability to effectively and efficiently accomplish their mission is greatly reduced. Under the current statute, the administration can do little to ensure the adequacy and uniformity of office space in local public defender offices.

A change in the legislation, specifically repealing portions of RSMo. 600.040.1, is recommended. Although probably adequate at the time the public defender system was first organized, this Department has grown far beyond its humble beginnings and the original intent of RSMo. 600.040.1. The legislature, judiciary and public demand a swift, efficient administration of justice. In order to meet that demand, the Missouri Public Defender System needs adequate, efficient physical plants in all its offices. This need is simply not being met under the current statutory scheme.

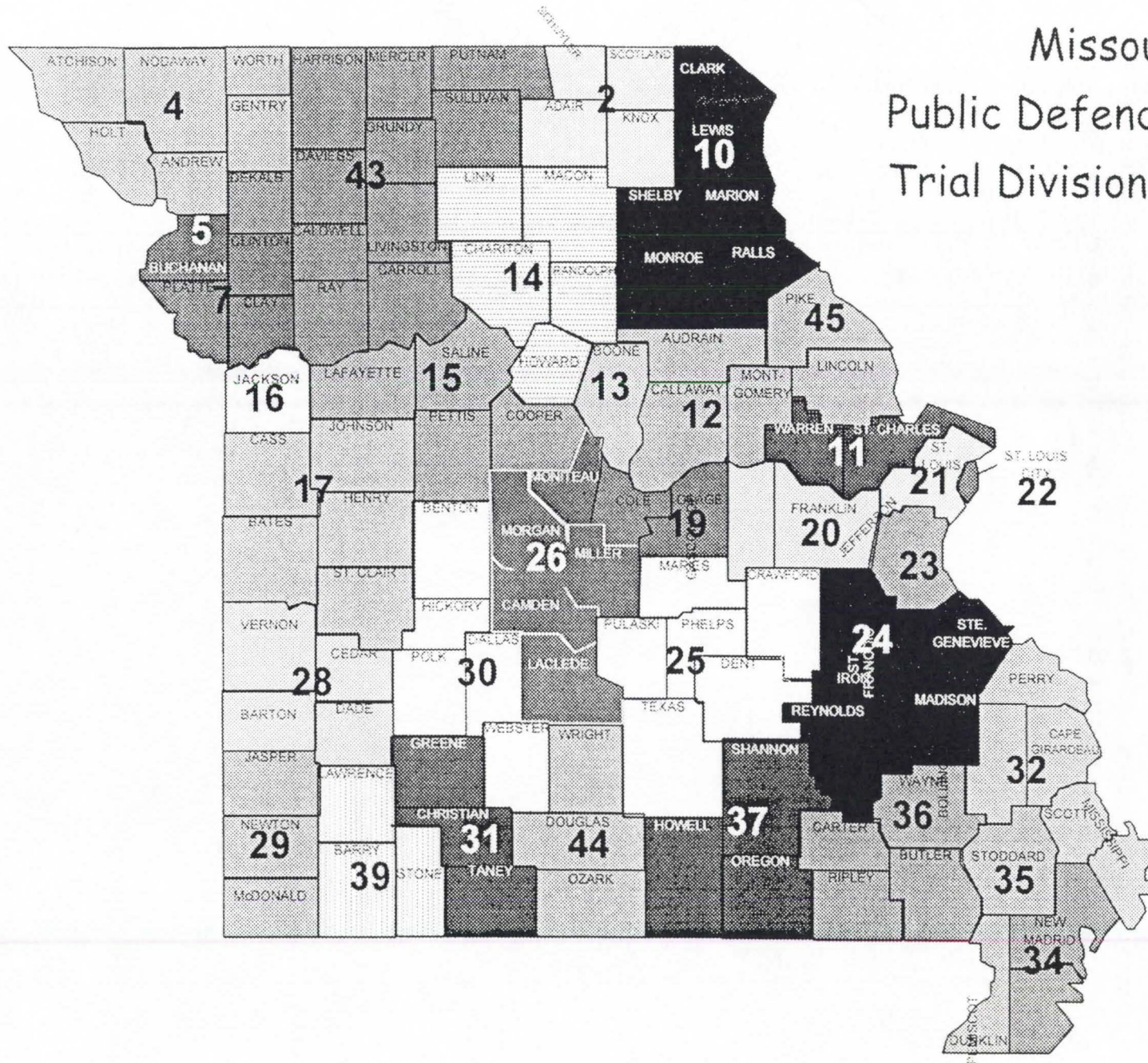
STUDENT LOAN RELIEF

Most new attorneys hired by the Office of State Public Defender are recent law school graduates. Nearly all these graduates have considerable student loan debt. A recent survey indicates most law school graduates hired by this Department have student loan debt of \$50,000 to \$100,000. Approximately five percent surveyed had debt in excess of \$100,000. The heavy debt burden of recent graduates is greatly hampering this Department's ability to hire new attorneys. Interviews with prospective applicants indicate that, although some students would prefer public service as public defenders, they simply cannot afford to do so at the entry level salary with their heavy student loan debt. In short, graduates desirous of public service are forced into the private sector. The public loses quality individuals, and these graduates lose the ability to pursue the honorable public service of their choice.

The judicial process is slowed because of expanding caseloads and this Department's inability to hire new attorneys. In fiscal year 2001, public defender case assignments were 76,786 cases, however, case dispositions were down to 73,438 (95.6%). Justice is slowed and this Department falls farther and farther behind, as attorney recruitment and retention suffers. Legislative intervention addressing student loan relief will improve attorney recruitment and retention.

The Missouri State Public Defender Commission supports legislation which would provide student loan relief to assistant public defenders in the early years of their public service. Ideally, loan forgiveness would greatly enhance recruitment abilities, but there are other options available. Deferment of student loans in the early years of an assistant public defender's career would allow assistant public defenders to begin student loan repayment after their salaries rose above the entry level. Reductions in interest rate for those entering public service, much as is offered to Missouri teachers, would also provide relief.

The Missouri State Public Defender Commission considers its inability to hire new attorneys a crisis. Improved recruitment and retention of attorneys is imperative or speedy administration of justice in the State of Missouri will be greatly hampered.



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